

# STARBLAZER

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A full-page illustration of a warrior in a desert-like space environment. The warrior, Starblazer, stands in the center, wearing a blue and yellow tunic with a yellow 'S' emblem, a blue helmet with two long, thin wings, and various gauntlets and arm bands. He holds a glowing pink energy weapon in his right hand. The background is a vast, orange-hued landscape with a large yellow sun in the upper right. Numerous small, futuristic vehicles and larger enemy ships are scattered across the scene, some of which are being destroyed or defeated. The overall style is reminiscent of classic pulp magazine illustrations.

## SPACE WARRIOR



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**H**ISTORY ABOUNDS WITH THE EXPLOITS OF WARRIORS WHO ROSE TO THE DEFENCE OF RIGHT AND JUSTICE IN A TIME OF NEED. SUCH AS KING ARTHUR, ROBIN HOOD, JOAN OF ARC, ROBERT THE BRUCE GRACE THE STORIES OF EVERY CULTURE. SUCH A WARRIOR WAS KARDOR OF GANDAL. GANDAL WAS AN EARTH COLONY WHICH WAS CONSTANTLY RAIDED BY THE BLOODLUSTING JAKAL. A MASSACRE WAS THE OBVIOUS OUTCOME UNTIL KARDOR UNITED GANDAL TO DEFEAT THE JAKAL.

DURING THE FINAL BATTLE, KARDOR WAS WOUNDED, AND DEPARTED TO DIE ALONE LIKE KING ARTHUR THOUSANDS OF YEARS BEFORE.

A CENTURY HAD ELAPSED AND AN EARTH FREIGHTER PASSED THROUGH THE GANDAL SYSTEM, CLOSE TO A RESTRICTED PLANET.

# SPACE WARRIOR

THE GANDAL SYSTEM WAS LARGELY UNCHARTED AND ALL FREIGHTERS, PASSING THROUGH HAD A MARINE PATROL CRAFT AS ESCORT. X-5, THE PATROL CRAFT, SECONDED FROM THE FLEET STARSHIP, PEGASUS, SWEEPED INTO THE ATMOSPHERE OF EPTIRAN.



THAT'S EPTIRAN,  
RANAL.

I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.  
ANY CHANCE OF GOING LOWER?





ABOARD X-5 WERE LIEUTENANT RANAL BLANE OF THE GALACTIC MARINE CORPS AND HIS SERGEANT, JOSEF KONRAD.

THERE'S NO NAV BEACONS HERE,  
THAT'S WHY ALL COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC  
AVOIDS IT . . . BUT IF WE KEEP ON  
VISUAL WE'LL BE SAFE ENOUGH.



X-5 PASSED SLOWLY OVER EPTIRAN—

WE'LL TAKE ONE LOW  
SWEEP AND THAT'S IT.



AS THEY SWEEP OVER EPTIRAN—

WHAT THE . . .

IT'S A WARCRAFT!





THE WARCRAFT OPENED FIRE—

THAT'S A JAKAL  
WARCRAFT!

GET A SIGNAL TO  
PEGASUS QUICK, JOE!

THE JAKAL WERE COLONIAL RIVALS OF EARTH.

ON BOARD THE JAKAL CRAFT.

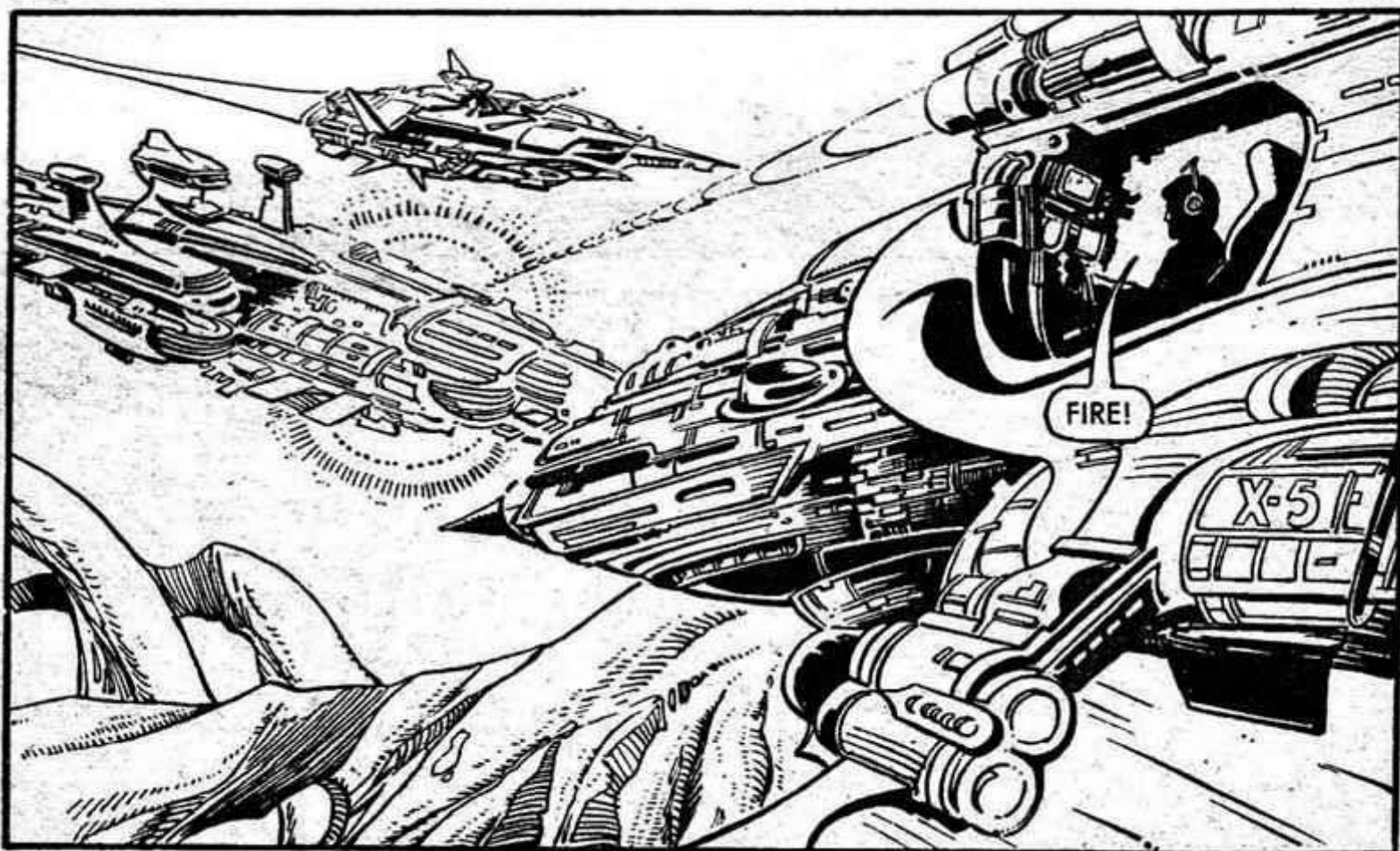
DESTROY THAT PATROL CRAFT! IT MUST  
NOT BE ALLOWED TO WARN OTHERS  
OF OUR PRESENCE ON EPTIRAN!  
DESTROY!



X-5 WEAVED AND DODGED BUT COULD NOT ESCAPE THE DEADLY LASER FIRE FROM THE ATTACKING JAKAL WARCRRAFT.

I CAN'T EVEN GET OUT  
A DISTRESS SIGNAL!

TURN AND FACE THEM...  
WE'LL FIGHT!!



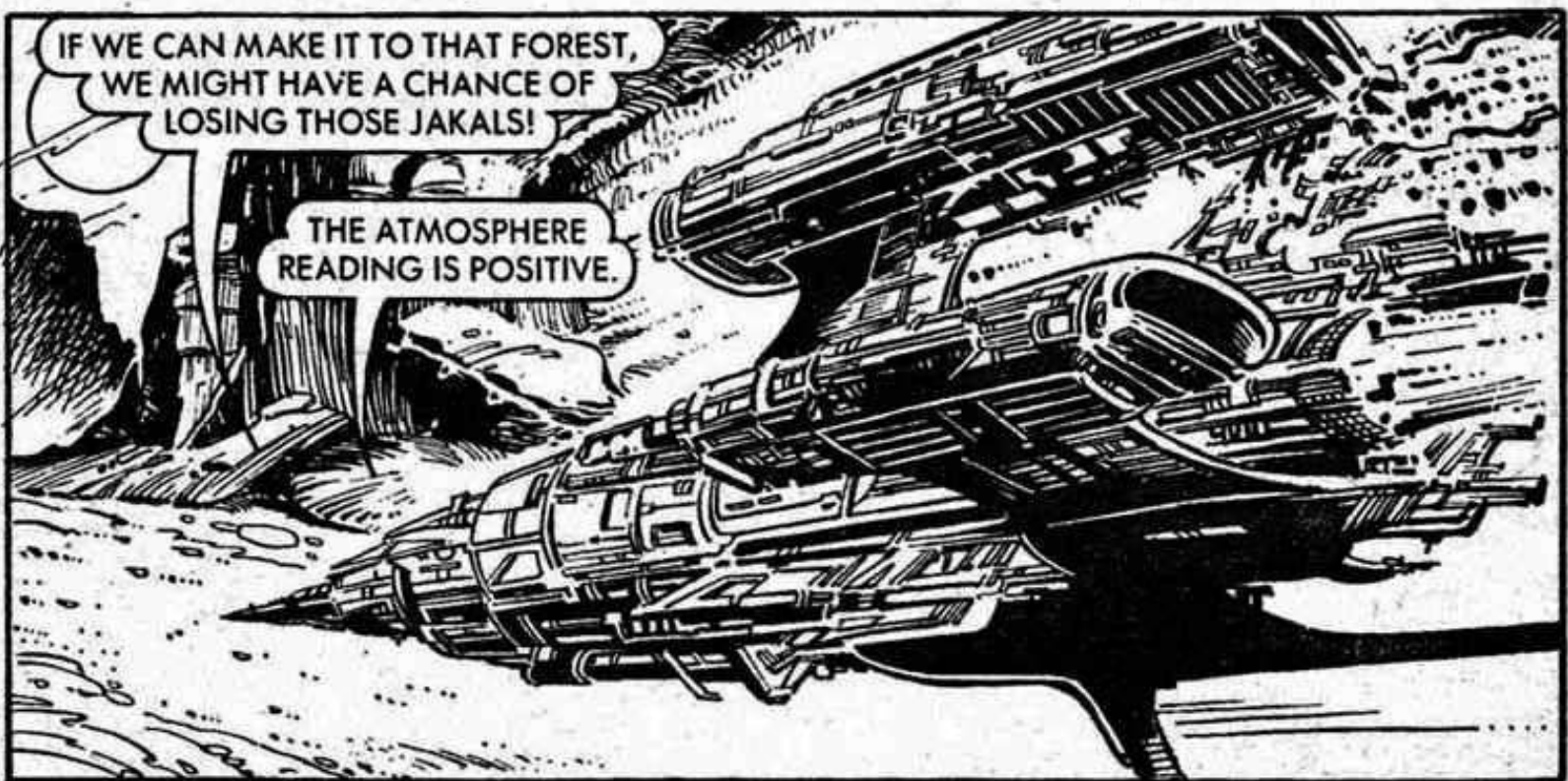


BUT THE ODDS WERE TOO GREAT, AND X-5 WAS REPEATEDLY HIT—



IF WE CAN MAKE IT TO THAT FOREST,  
WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE OF  
LOSING THOSE JAKALS!

THE ATMOSPHERE  
READING IS POSITIVE.





THE PATROL SHIP SKIDDED THROUGH THE FOREST—

LET'S GET OUT FAST! I'VE SET THE SELF  
DESTRUCT MECHANISM FOR 20 SECONDS.









THE TWO MEN CROUCHED IN THE TINY CAVE AS THE SEARCHING JAKALS PASSED—







THEY'VE GONE!

THEY'LL KEEP SEARCHING FOR US.  
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?



LET'S GET OUT OF THIS  
AREA FOR A START.

THE JAKALS MUST BE PLANNING AN  
ATTACK ON GANDAL, AND THEN  
POSSIBLY ONTO EARTH.

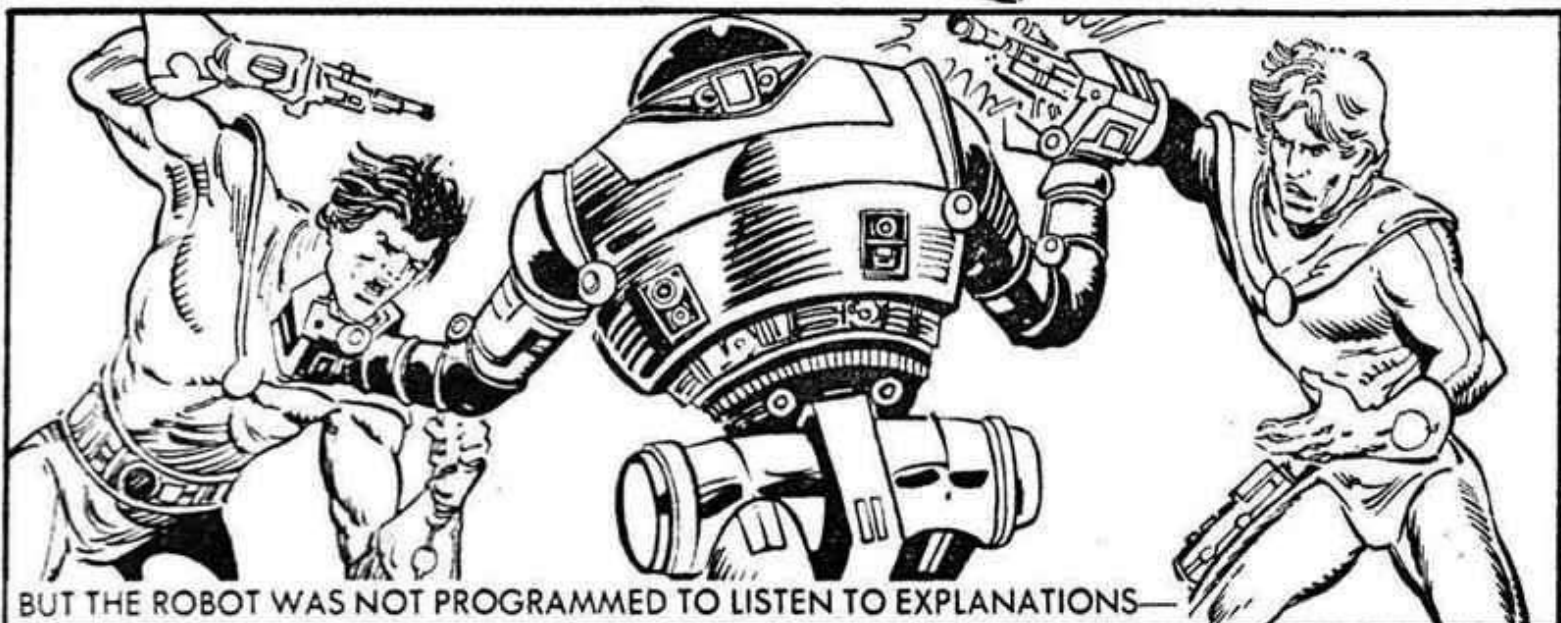









WE WERE SHOT DOWN BY JAKALS!  
THEY'RE THE TRESPASSERS HERE, NOT US!







LET NO HARM COME TO THESE EARTHMEN. 'T WAS  
SUCH AS THESE I FOUGHT BESIDE IN THE GREAT  
WAR, MANY REVOLUTIONS AGO!

KARDOR! BUT YOU'RE DEAD.

I CAME HERE TO DIE, BUT THE PLANT  
LIFE HERE HEALED MY WOUNDS. NOW  
I LIVE OUT MY DAYS IN PEACE AND  
MEDITATION.





I AM, IN EARTH YEARS, 142—FOR THE FIRST 42 I WAS A KILLING MACHINE. AS I LAY AT DEATH'S DOOR I THOUGHT DEEPLY OF MY LIFE...  
GUARDIAN, SHOW THEM...



ON THE GUARDIAN'S VIDSCREEN KARDOR'S LAST BATTLE AGAINST THE JAKALS WAS SHOWN—







... THE GANDALIANS WON, THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF KARDOR, BUT HE WAS BADLY WOUNDED AND LEFT TO DIE ALONE ...


SENSORS INDICATE THAT EPTIRAN HAS AN ATMOSPHERE CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING LIFE ...

WELL, IT WON'T HAVE TO SUSTAIN MINE LONG.

BUT EPTIRAN HAD MORE THAN AN ATMOSPHERE: IT HAD PLANTS THAT WHEN PROCESSED SPEEDED UP CELL REGENERATION. KARDOR'S ROBOT QUICKLY DISCOVERED THIS FACT, AND AFTER ONLY A FEW UNITS —

SO I STILL LIVE FRIEND ... THANKS TO YOU AND THIS PLANET.

I WAS MERELY FOLLOWING THE PRIME LAW OF ROBOTICS.



WE HAD DISCOVERED A PLANET ON WHICH MAN COULD LIVE FOREVER . . . AND IT IS A TRAGEDY IF THIS BECOMES KNOWN. THINK OF THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD WISH TO BE IMMORTAL. WE DECIDED TO REMAIN HERE AS PROTECTORS OF THIS SECRET. ELECTRONIC GUIDANCE SYSTEMS PUT OUT SIGNALS INDICATING THAT THIS PLANET IS UNINHABITABLE. WE ARE RARELY DISTURBED.

BUT THE JAKALS HADN'T GIVEN UP THE SEARCH FOR BLANE AND KONRAD—



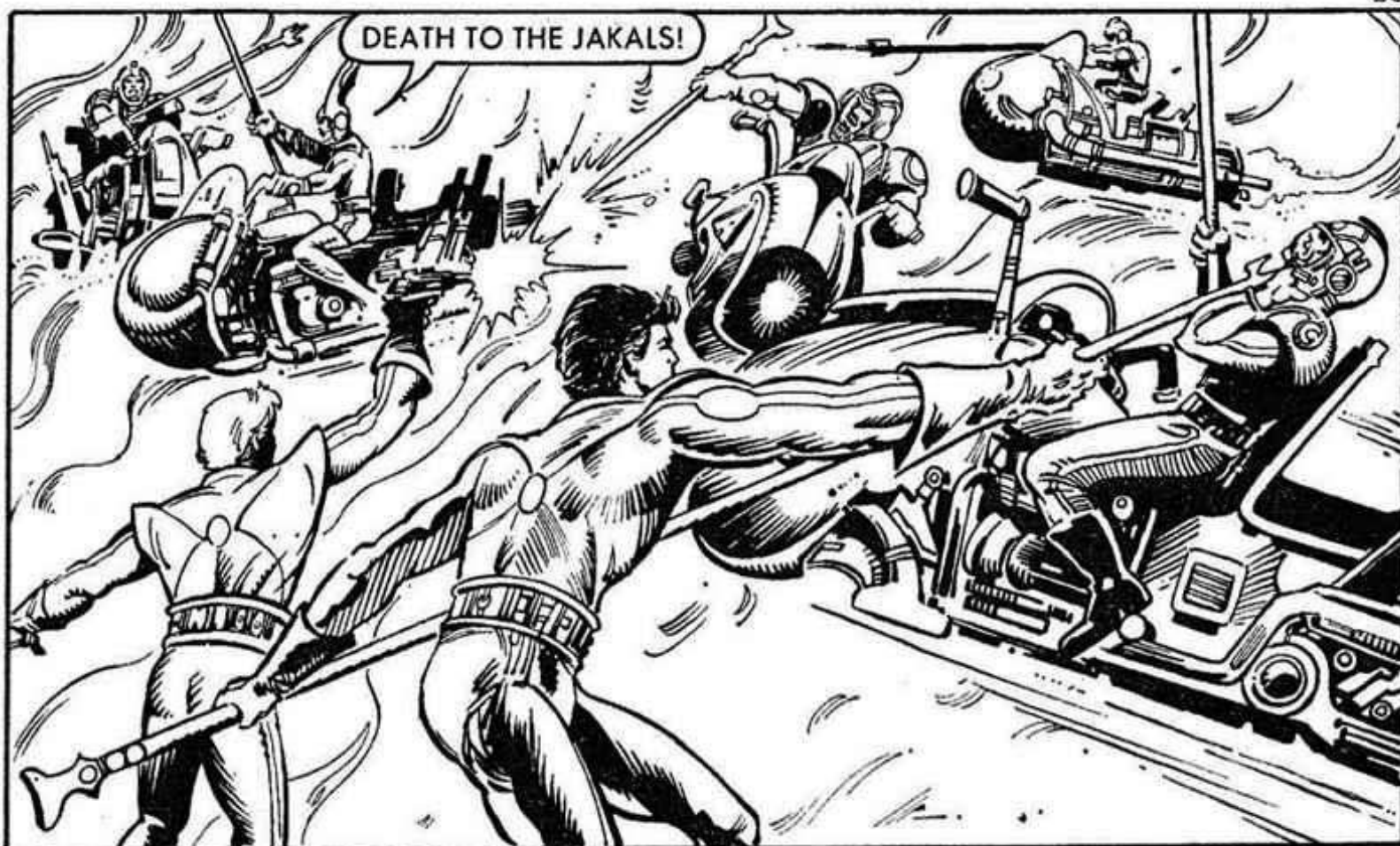
COME IN PEACE, JAKALS.

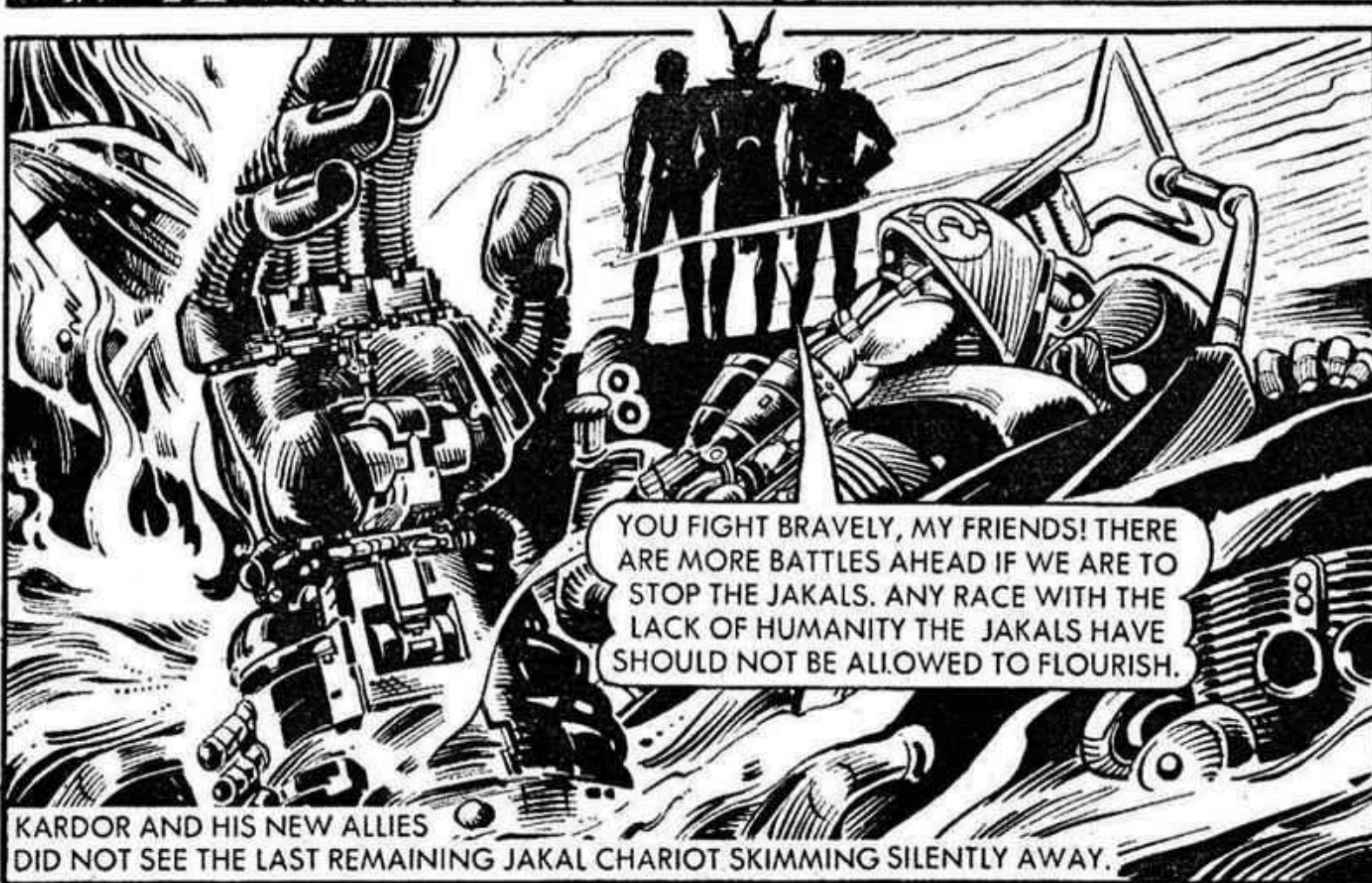














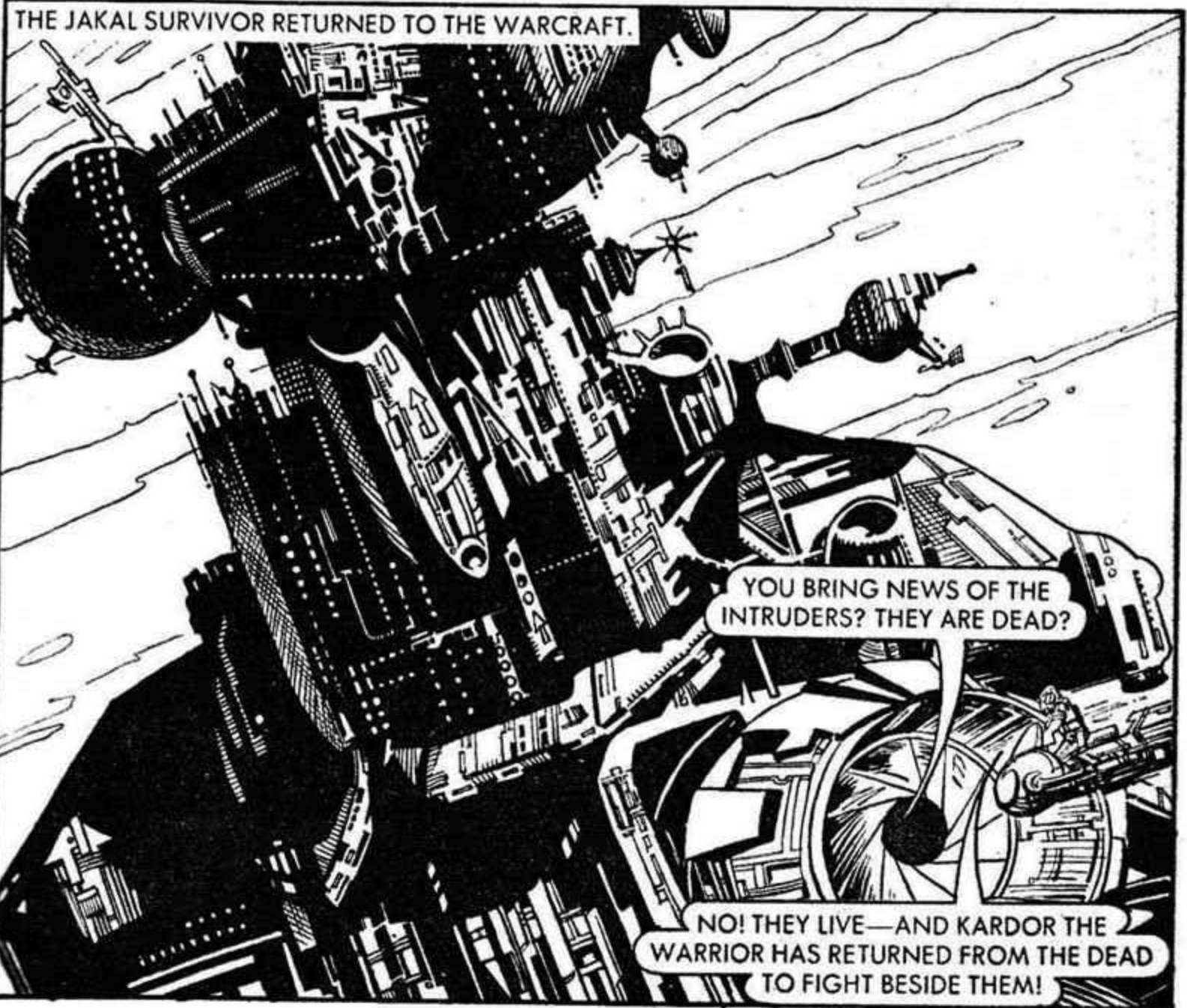
THIS ROBOT WAS BUT A THING OF METAL, YET FOR YEARS IT WAS MY ONLY FRIEND AND COMPANION. WE SHALL GO BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS. THE JAKALS WILL KNOW THE VENGEANCE OF KARDOR.




THE JAKAL SURVIVOR RETURNED TO THE WARCRAFT.

YOU BRING NEWS OF THE INTRUDERS? THEY ARE DEAD?

NO! THEY LIVE—AND KARDOR THE WARRIOR HAS RETURNED FROM THE DEAD TO FIGHT BESIDE THEM!




THE WARCRAFT COMMANDER REPORTED AT ONCE TO THE JAKAL LEADER, MIZAK.



SO, KARDOR, THE SCOURGE  
OF THE JAKAL, IS ALIVE.

BUT NOT FOR LONG, SIRE. WE KNOW  
WHERE HE AND THE EARTHMEN ARE. I  
WILL DESTROY THE ENTIRE AREA WITH  
MEGABLASTERS!

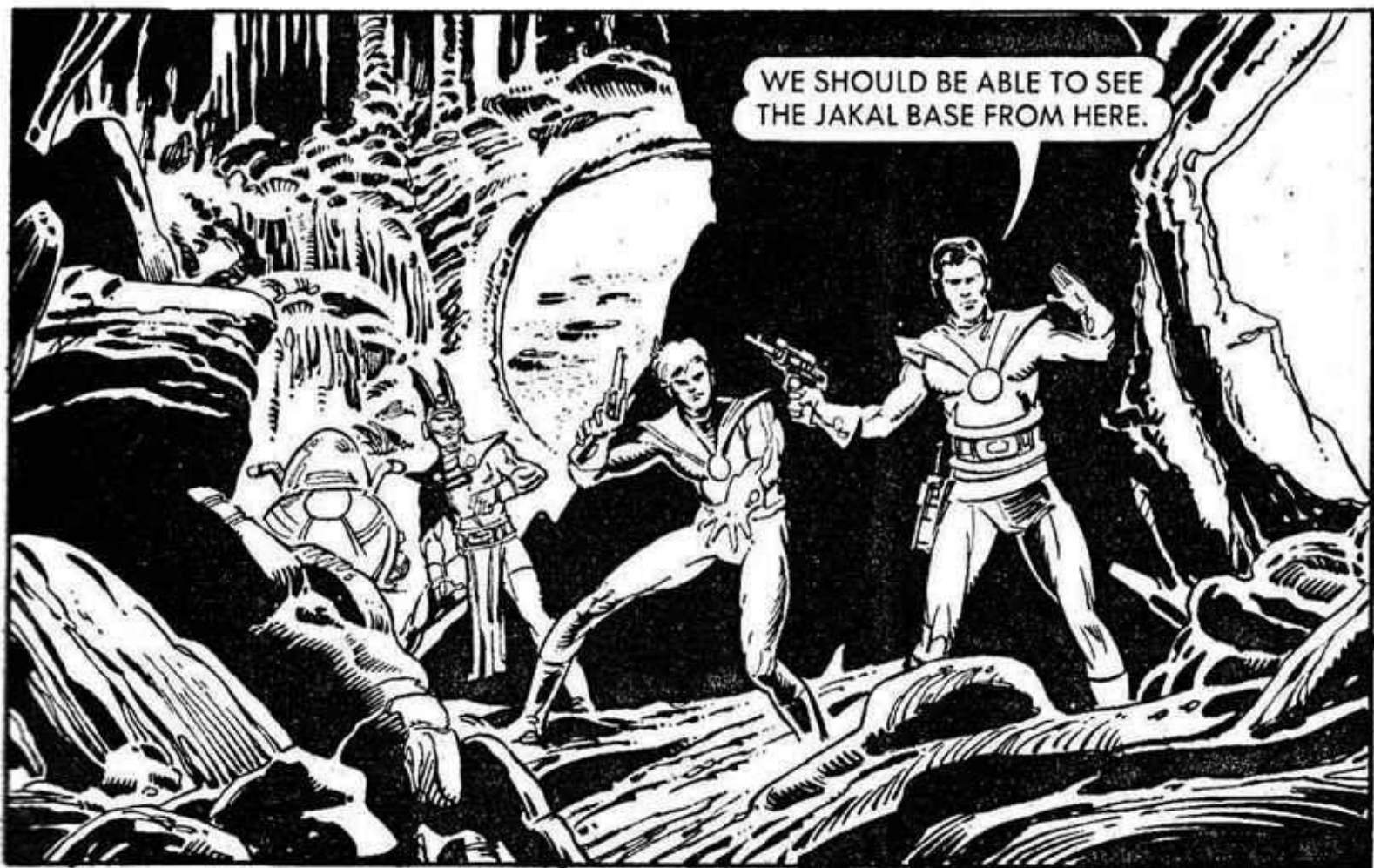


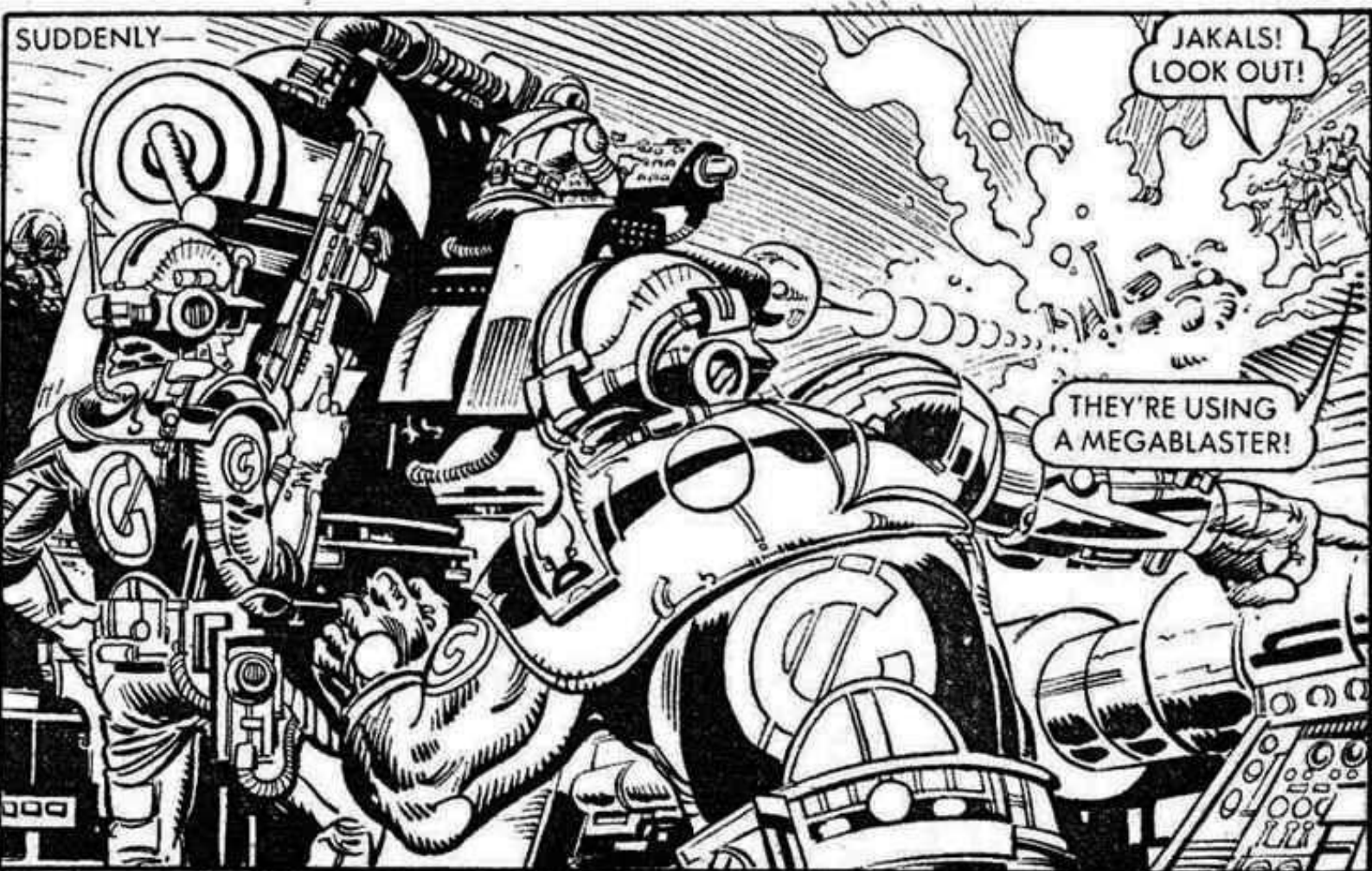
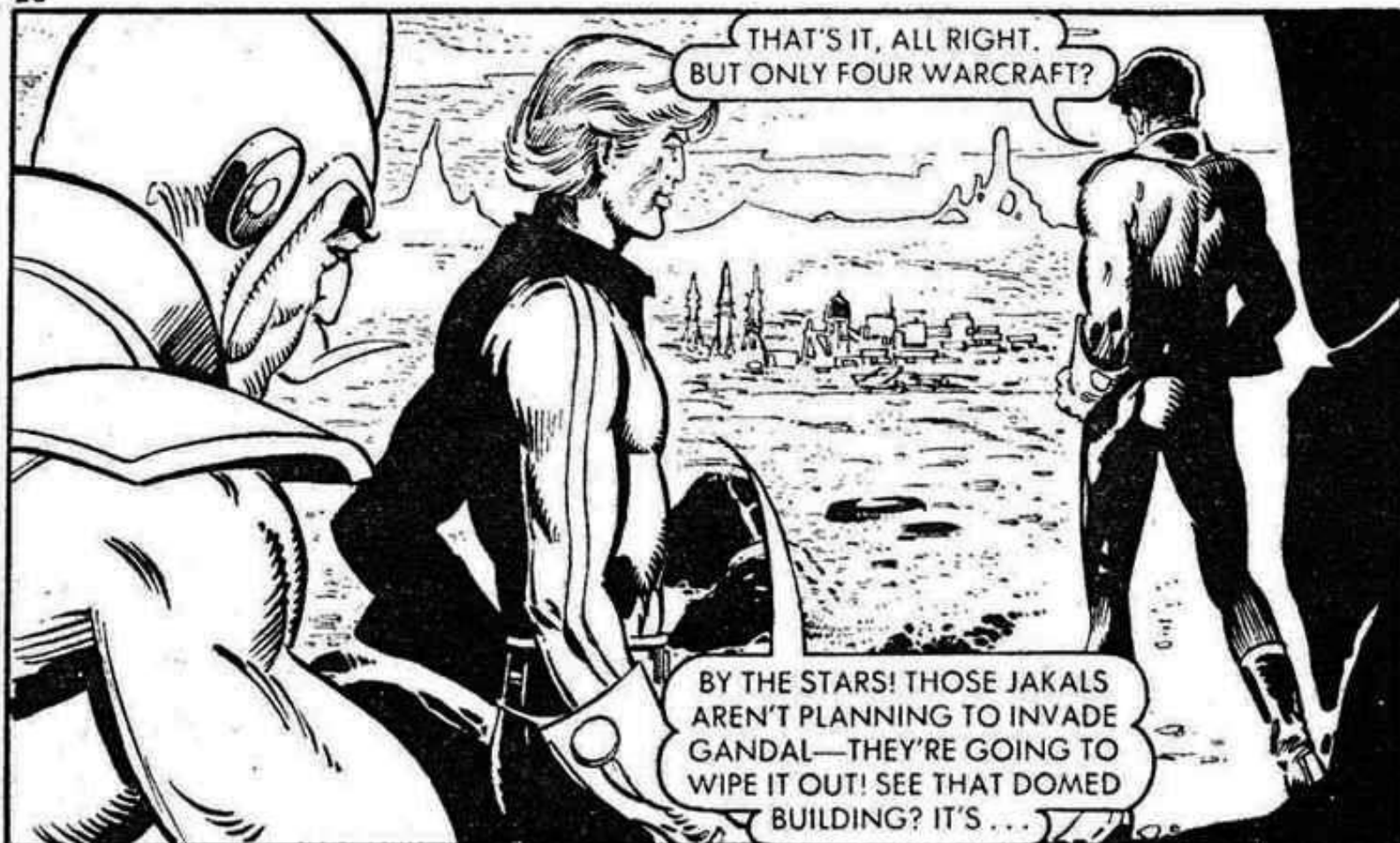
NO! RETURN TO BASE. KARDOR  
WILL COME HERE WITH THE  
EARTHMEN, SEEKING TO DEFEAT  
US!





MEANWHILE KARDOR AND HIS COMPANIONS HEADED TOWARDS THE MOUNTAINS.







HIT BY A FLYING ROCK, BLANE STAGGERED AND FELL . . .



BLANE STRUCK A LEDGE AND LAY UNCONSCIOUS.





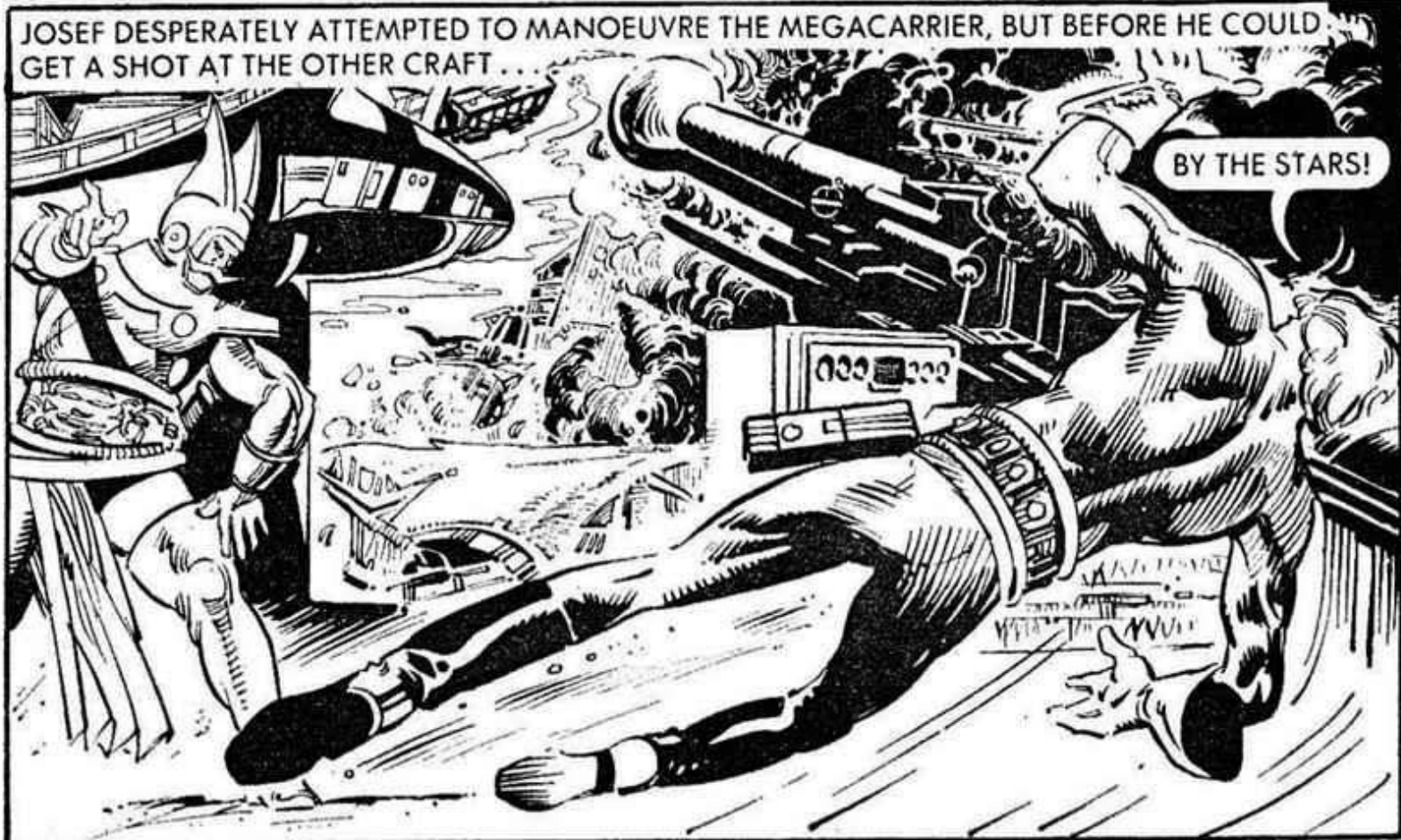


IT IS YOU WHO FACE  
ETERNITY, JAKALS!

HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE!



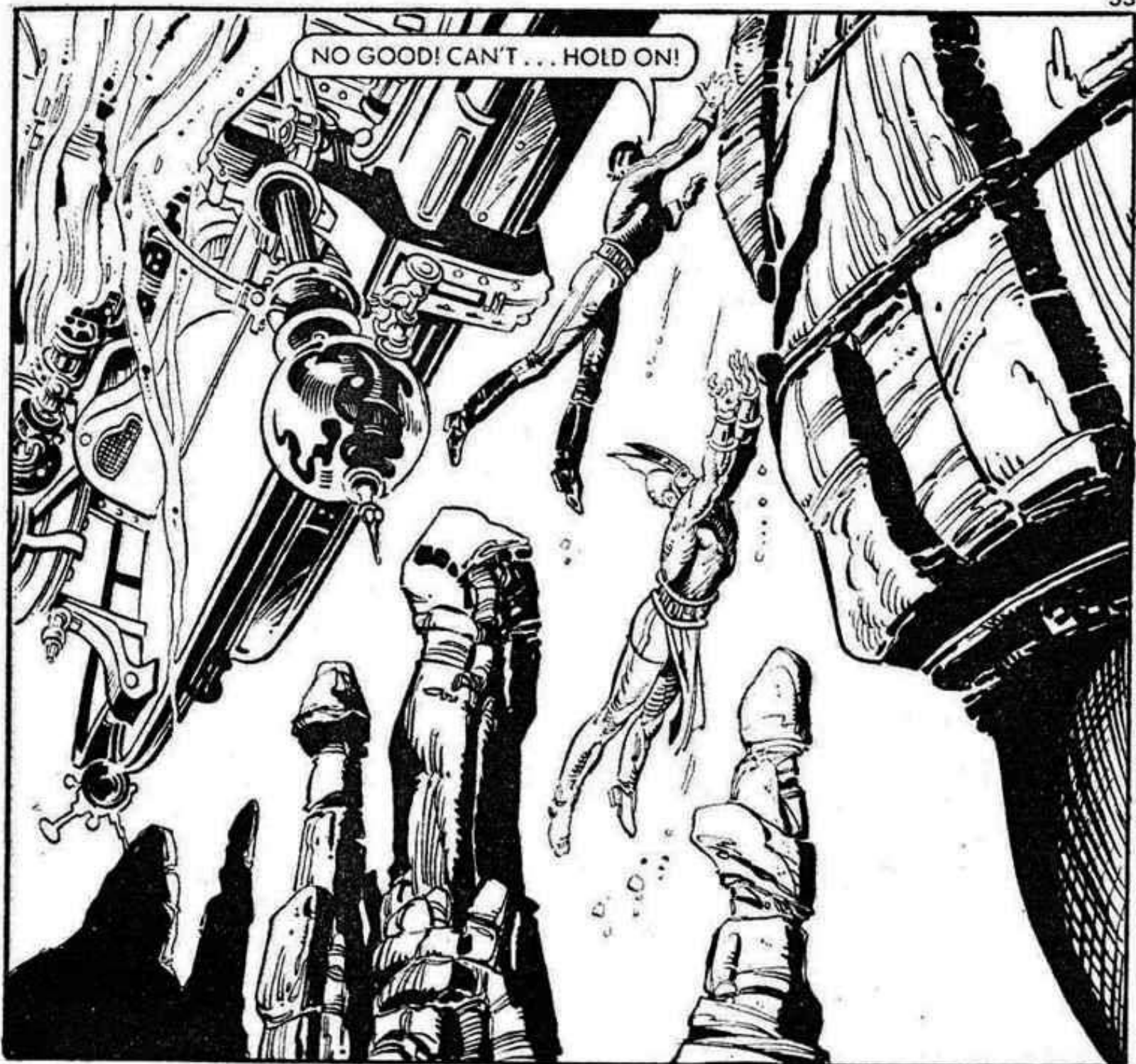
JOSEF DESPERATELY ATTEMPTED TO MANOEUVRE THE MEGACARRIER, BUT BEFORE HE COULD GET A SHOT AT THE OTHER CRAFT...



OUT OF CONTROL, THE CRAFT VEERED CRAZILY.







JOSEF'S GRIP WASN'T STRONG  
ENOUGH, AND HE SLIPPED—



BUT THE MIGHTY GRIP OF KARDOR,  
SAVED HIM FROM CERTAIN DEATH.




IT SEEMS WE SHALL TAKE  
KARDOR ALIVE AFTER ALL!

MEANWHILE . . .


UH? WHERE AM I? . . .  
MUST'VE BEEN HIT BY A  
ROCK WHEN THE JAKALS  
ATTACKED . . . GOT TO GET  
OUT OF HERE . . . FIND THE  
OTHERS.








I CAN'T CLIMB UP, BUT MAYBE  
I CAN GET OUT THIS WAY.




THE NARROW PASSAGEWAY LED  
ONTO THE MOUNTAIN SIDE . . .

THE JAKALS  
HAVE GOT THEM.



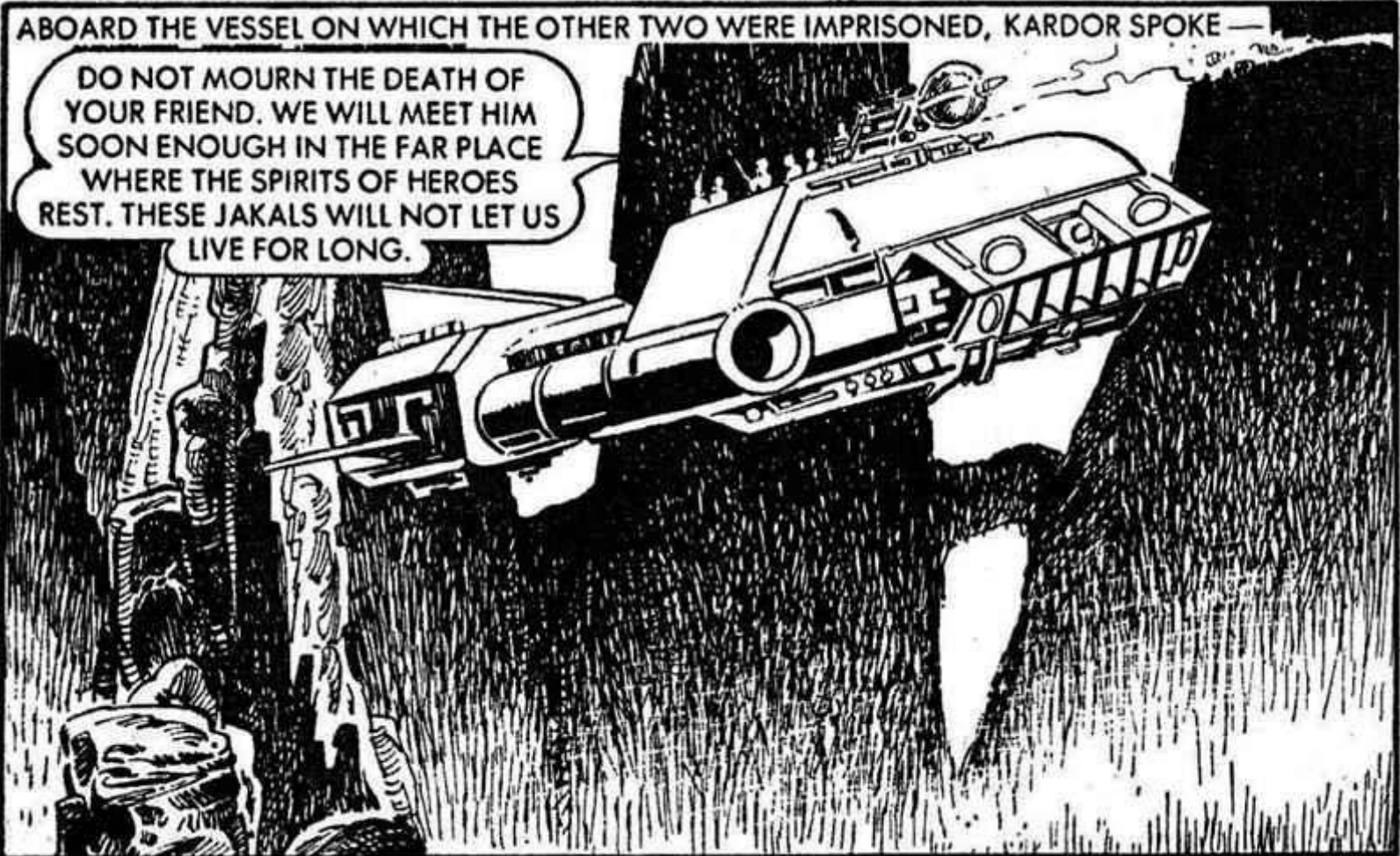
SOMEHOW I'VE GOT TO GET DOWN  
THIS MOUNTAIN AND TO THE JAKAL  
COMPLEX — THAT WRECKED MEGA-  
CARRIER GIVES ME AN IDEA.

BLANE WORKED HIS WAY DOWN TO THE LEDGE.

A black and white comic book illustration. A man, Blane, is shown from the back, crouched on a rocky ledge. He is wearing a loincloth and is working on a mechanical device that is part of a larger structure. The structure appears to be a piece of machinery or a vehicle, possibly a ship, that is partially visible in the background. The scene is set in a rugged, rocky environment.

IF I CAN GET THE ANTI-GRAV POWER UNIT OUT AND WORKING, MAYBE IT'LL GET ME DOWN. IT'S WORTH A TRY.

ABOARD THE VESSEL ON WHICH THE OTHER TWO WERE IMPRISONED, KARDOR SPOKE —

A black and white comic book illustration. A spaceship is shown flying over a deep, rocky canyon. The ship has a boxy, futuristic design with a large circular window on the side. It is moving from left to right. The canyon walls are steep and rocky, with some vegetation visible on the left side. The sky is dark and cloudy.

DO NOT MOURN THE DEATH OF YOUR FRIEND. WE WILL MEET HIM SOON ENOUGH IN THE FAR PLACE WHERE THE SPIRITS OF HEROES REST. THESE JAKALS WILL NOT LET US LIVE FOR LONG.







BUT YOU HAVE SURVIVED — AND AGED LITTLE. OBVIOUSLY THERE IS SOMETHING OF INTEREST ON THIS PLANET . . . AND YOU SHALL TELL ME WHAT IT IS!

DARKNESS WAS FALLING ON EPTIRAN AS BLANE FINISHED WORK ON THE WRECKED MEGA-CARRIER'S ANTIGRAV UNIT.

WELL, IT'S OPERATING! LET'S JUST HOPE IT'LL KEEP GOING LONG ENOUGH TO GET TO THE JAKAL'S BASE!







THE POWER UNIT SPED ACROSS THE LANDSCAPE OF EPTIRAN WITH BLANE CLINGING ON GRIMLY.



BUT AS BLANE FLOATED OVER THE OUTER WALL OF THE JAKAL BASE HE WAS SPOTTED —

IT'S THE EARTHMAN!  
WE THOUGHT HIM DEAD!

I'LL HAVE TO SILENCE THEM  
BEFORE THEY RAISE THE ALARM.

WEAPONLESS, BLANE TOOK THE ONLY COURSE OF  
ACTION —


HIS UNEXPECTED ASSAULT  
OVERWHELMED THE GUARDS —

HE WON'T BE NEEDING HIS  
UNIFORM ANY MORE, SO I  
MIGHT AS WELL MAKE USE OF IT!




BLANE STRODE INTO THE COMPLEX —

NOW TO FIND  
THE OTHERS.

A black and white comic book panel showing a character in a futuristic, armored suit walking through a complex, industrial environment. The architecture is highly detailed with various pipes, panels, and structural elements. In the foreground, a large, mechanical head with a circular visor is visible on the left. In the background, other figures in similar suits are seen walking away. A speech bubble above the character reads "NOW TO FIND THE OTHERS."

THERE THEY ARE! I'VE GOT TO  
GET IN THERE AFTER THEM. BUT HOW?

A black and white comic book panel showing the same character in the futuristic suit standing on a platform, looking down at a vehicle. The vehicle is a small, boxy car with a star on its side, carrying several figures. The character is holding a weapon. A speech bubble above the character reads "THERE THEY ARE! I'VE GOT TO GET IN THERE AFTER THEM. BUT HOW?"

JOSEF AND KARDOR WERE BEING TAKEN TO THE EXECUTION CHAMBER.

NOW I SHALL WITNESS  
THE DEATH OF KARDOR.





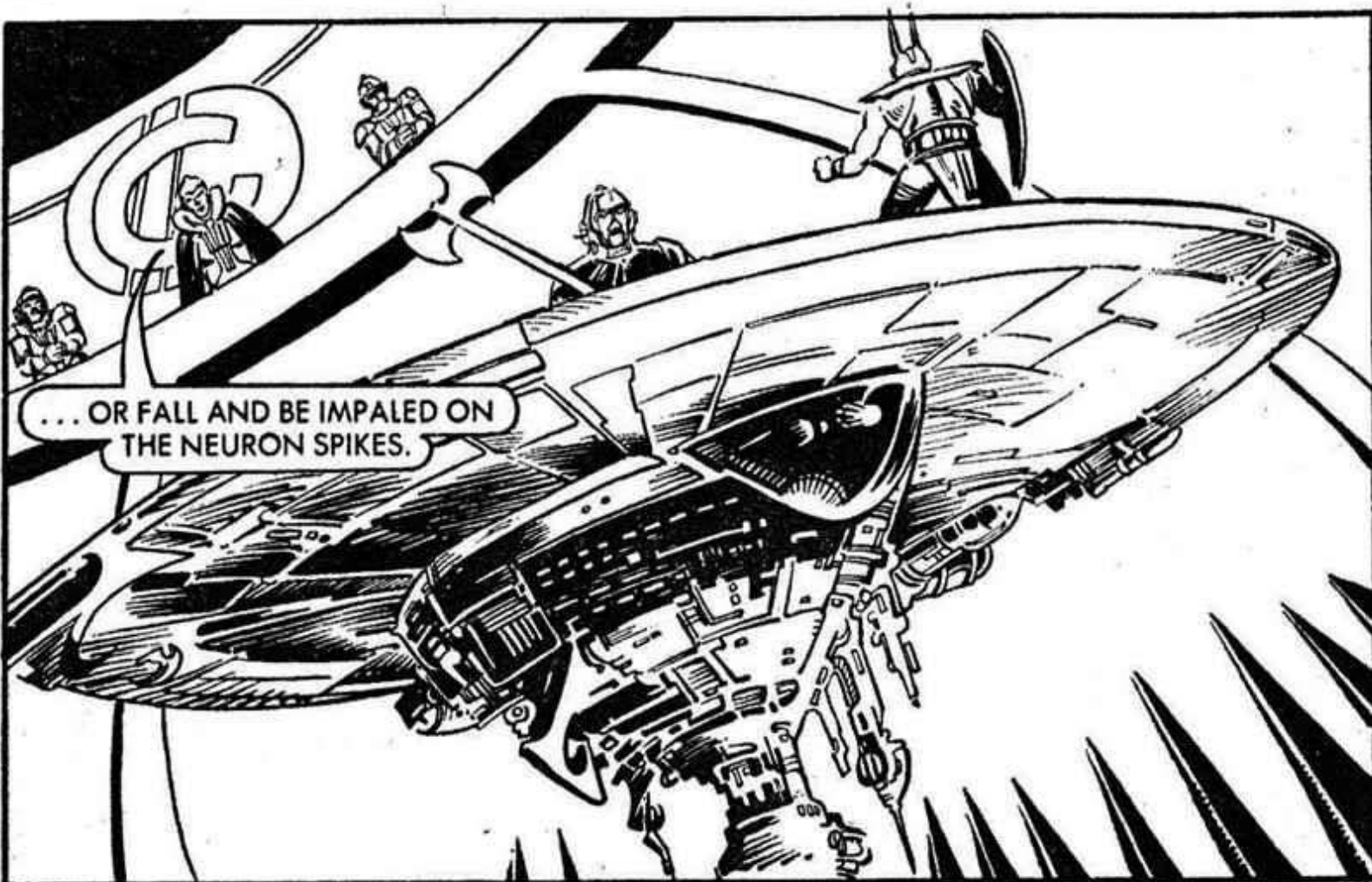
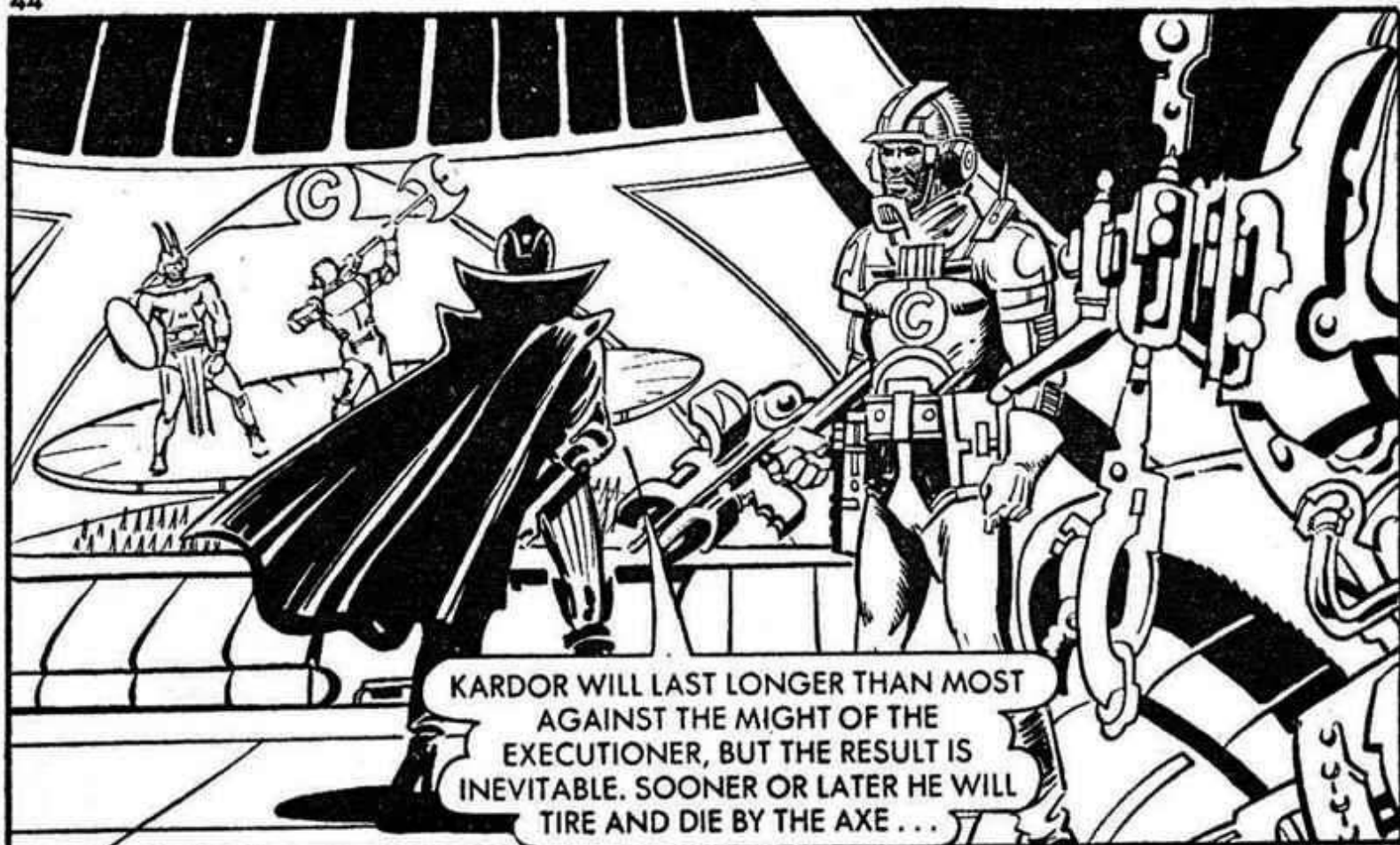
ARMED ONLY WITH A SHIELD, KARDOR  
THE WARRIOR FACED THE ROBOT  
EXECUTIONER.

HE HASN'T GOT  
A CHANCE!



KARDOR FENDED OFF THE FIRST FLASHING ARC OF LIGHT —

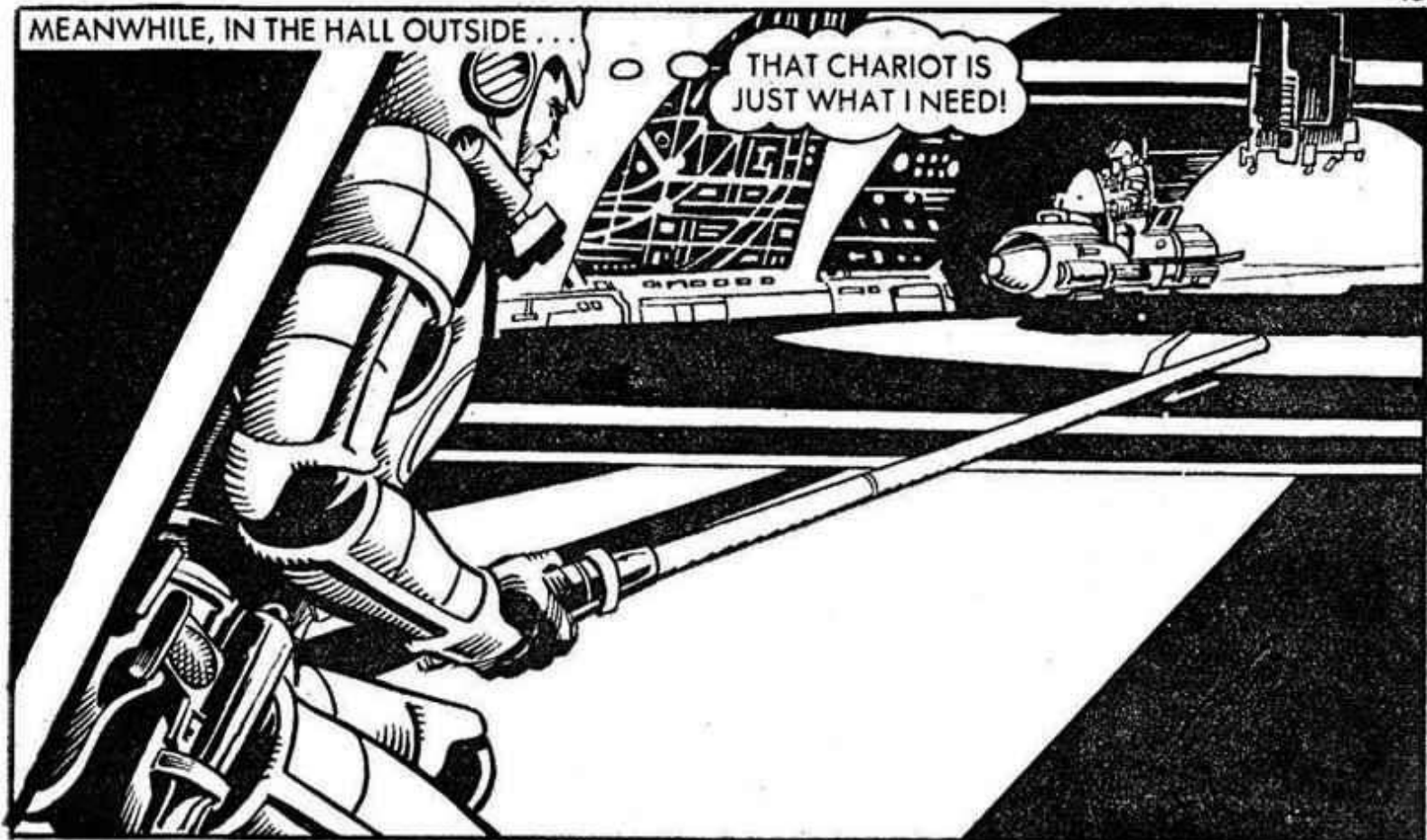




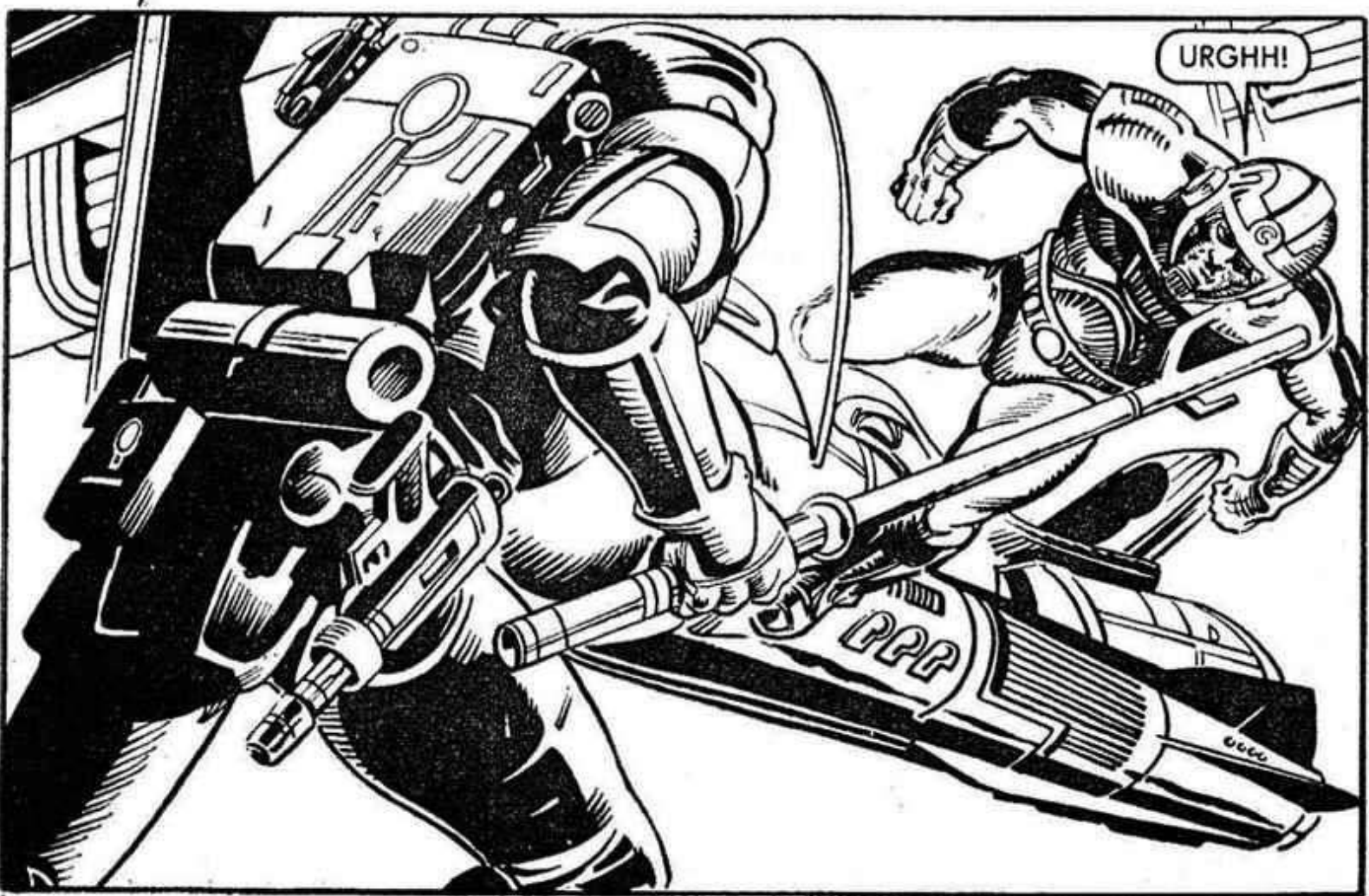


MEANWHILE, IN THE HALL OUTSIDE ...

THAT CHARIOT IS  
JUST WHAT I NEED!



URGHH!



BLANE LEAP INTO THE CHARIOT, AND HURTTLED  
DOWN THE CORRIDOR —

LET'S HOPE I CAN FIND JOSEF AND  
KARDOR BEFORE ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THEM!

BY SATURN!



BUT BLANE'S LASER HAD NO EFFECT ON THE ROBOT —

KILL THE INTRUDER!

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP  
THAT THING! HERE GOES!

AS THE AXE  
SANG DOWN AT  
KARDOR, BLANE  
RAMMED THE ROBOT!

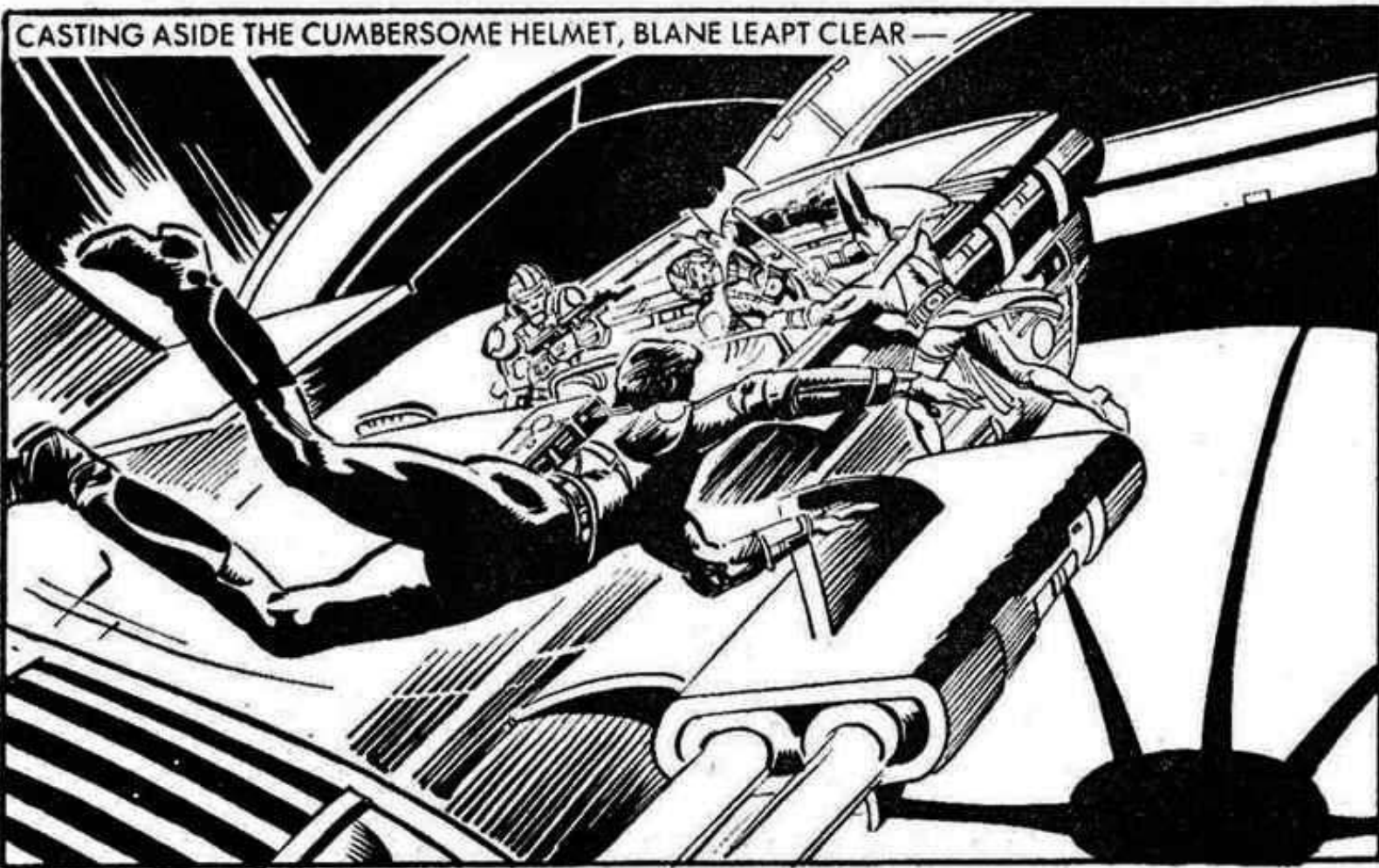
SO, MY FRIEND, WE  
LIVE TO FIGHT AGAIN!



THIS CHARIOT IS DONE FOR ...  
WON'T STAY UP MUCH LONGER ...



CASTING ASIDE THE CUMBERSOME HELMET, BLAINE LEAPT CLEAR —







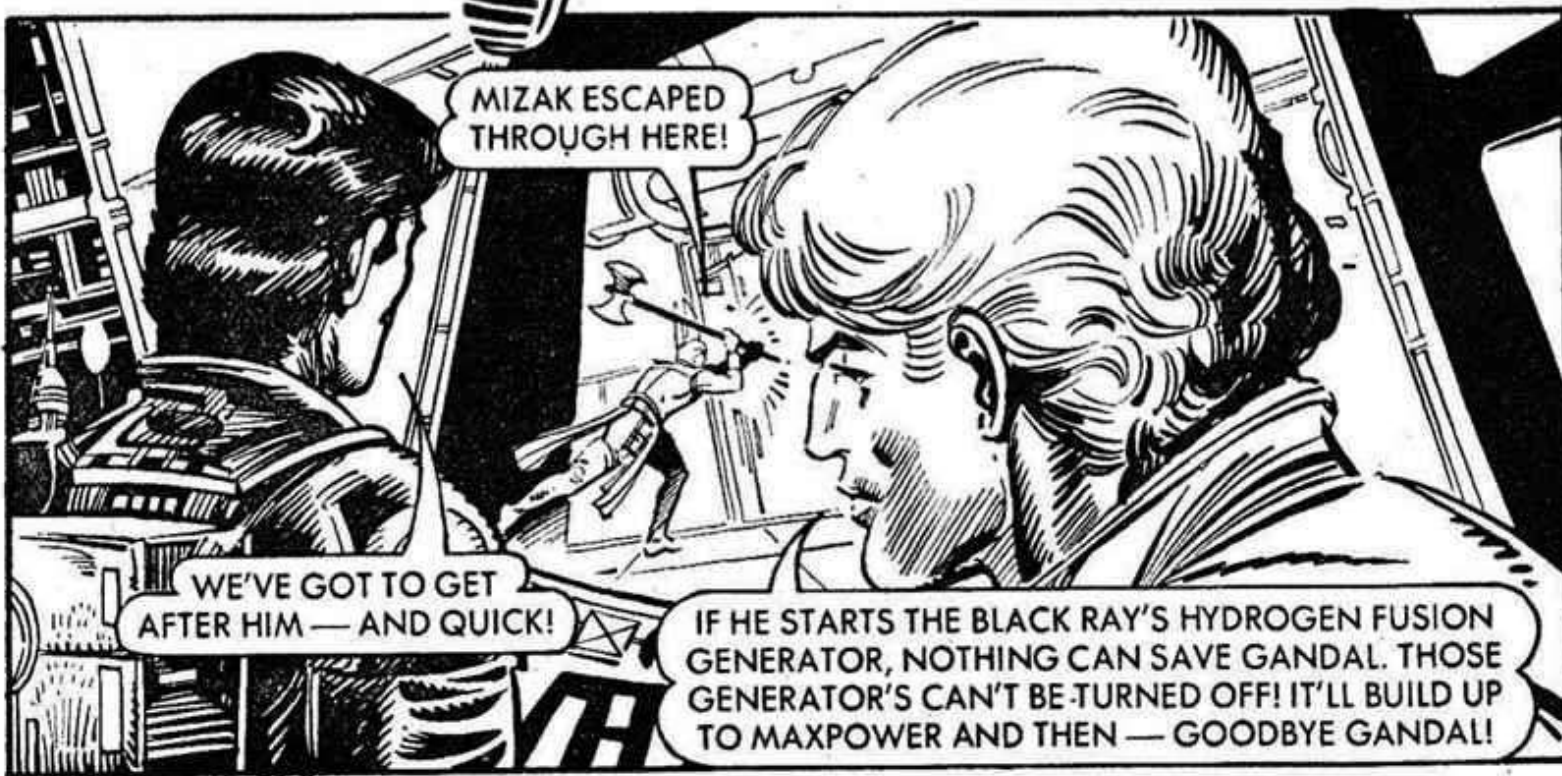
JOSEF OVERPOWERED MIZAK'S  
BODYGUARD —



MIZAK ESCAPED  
THROUGH HERE!

WE'VE GOT TO GET  
AFTER HIM — AND QUICK!

IF HE STARTS THE BLACK RAY'S HYDROGEN FUSION  
GENERATOR, NOTHING CAN SAVE GANDAL. THOSE  
GENERATOR'S CAN'T BE TURNED OFF! IT'LL BUILD UP  
TO MAXPOWER AND THEN — GOODBYE GANDAL!






THE THREE RACED THROUGH A MAZE OF PASSAGES —

LOOK! THE DOME'S OPENING. THAT  
MEANS MIZAK'S STARTED THE GENERATOR!

THERE'S GOT TO BE  
SOMETHING WE CAN DO.




IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME TO BUILD UP  
POWER. IF WE COULD CONTACT  
PEGASUS, SHE SHOULD GET HERE  
IN TIME TO BLAST THE GENERATOR  
BEFORE ANY REAL DAMAGE IS  
DONE.



WHY DON'T WE USE A JAKAL WARCRRAFT  
AND BLAST THE GENERATOR WITH THAT?

IT WOULDN'T WORK! THE GENERATOR  
WOULD JUST ABSORB THE POWER OF  
ORDINARY LASERS AND MEGA  
BLASTERS.



IT'LL ABSORB ANY SOURCE OF POWER  
AND USE IT — EXCEPT MULTI PHASER.

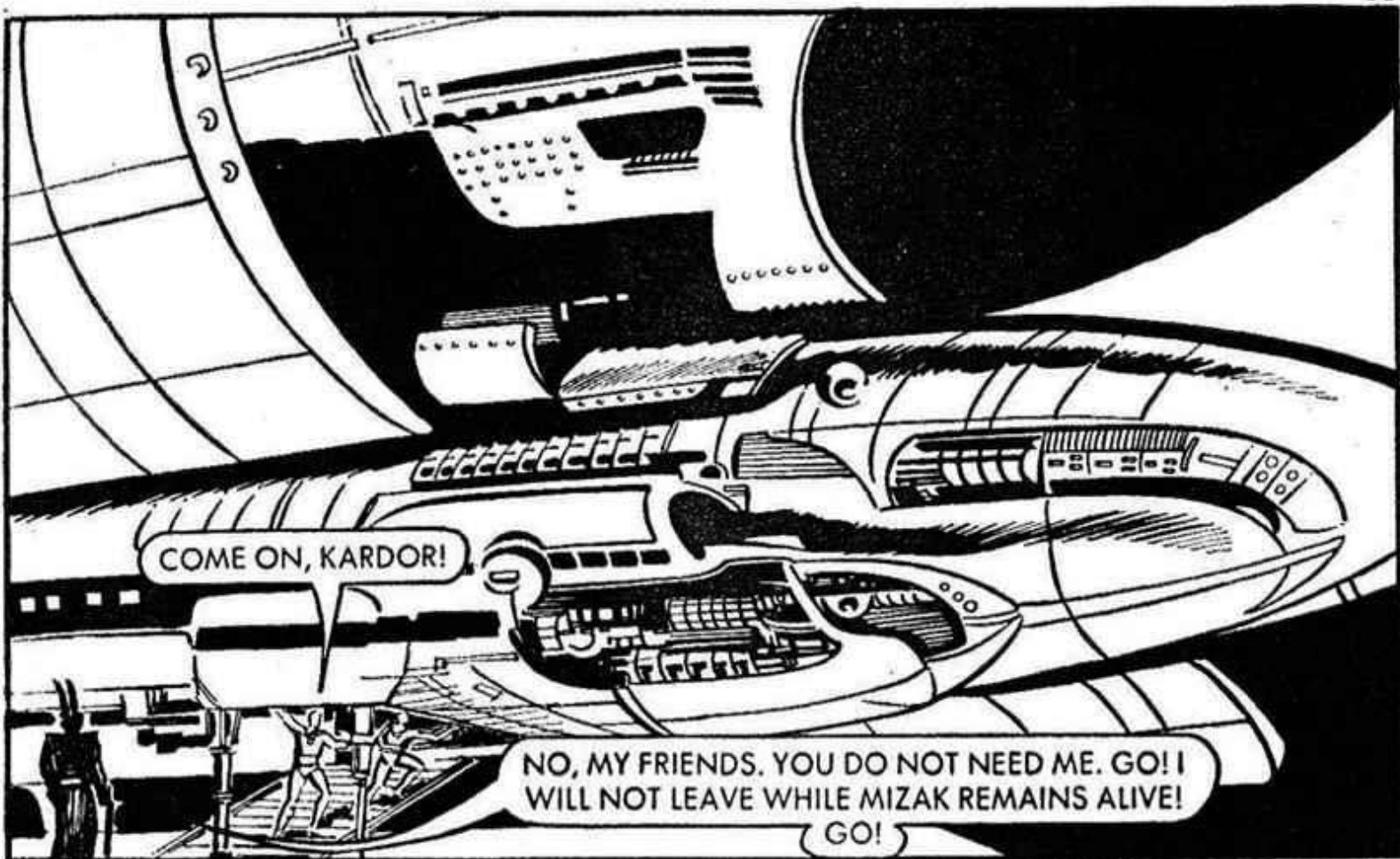
LET'S TAKE A WARCRRAFT  
AND CONTACT PEGASUS!



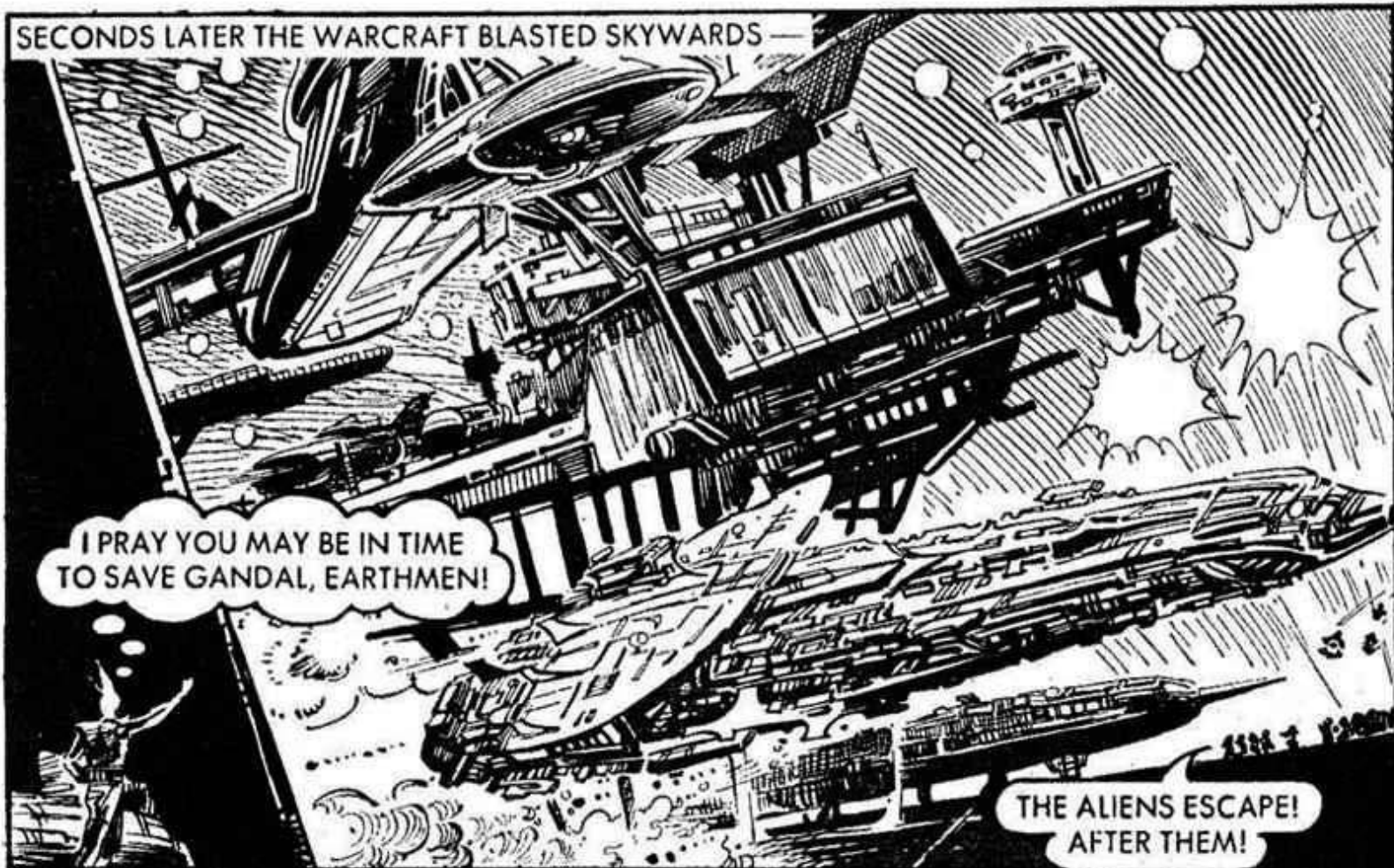
THE THREE LEAPT FROM THE SHADOWS —

WE'VE GOT TO  
MOVE FAST!





SECONDS LATER THE WARCRRAFT BLASTED SKYWARDS —



BLANE AND KONRAD REACHED SPACE —


I'VE GOT THE TRANSCEIVER OPERATING.  
LET'S HOPE I CAN CONTACT PEGASUS  
— SHE COULD BE ON THE FAR EDGE OF  
THIS GALAXY BY NOW!

JUPITER! THAT'S ONE  
LASER OUT OF ACTION!

CALLING STARFLEET COMMAND  
SHIP PEGASUS... EMERGENCY...








CALLING PEGASUS ... EMERGENCY ...

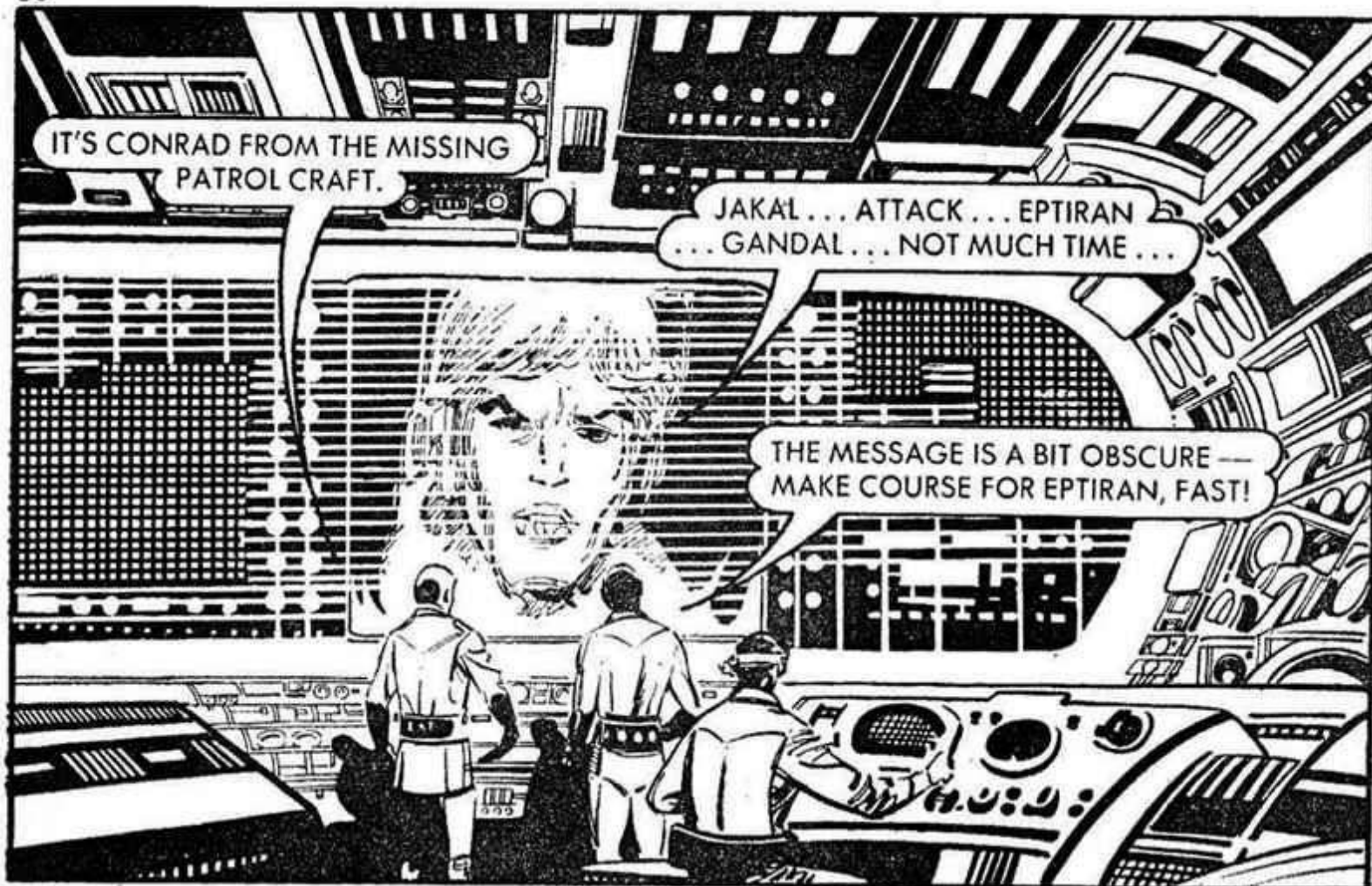
I GOT ANOTHER ONE, BUT WE'RE TAKING A LOT OF HITS.

GALACTIC SECTOR 5 STARSHIP, PEGASUS, WAS SEARCHING FOR THE MISSING PATROL CRAFT X5.



I'M GETTING A MESSAGE, SIR, FROM THE REGION OF EPTIRAN.

PUT IT ON VISUAL AND LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN MAKE OF IT.



ABOARD THE STOLEN JAKAL WARCRAFT —



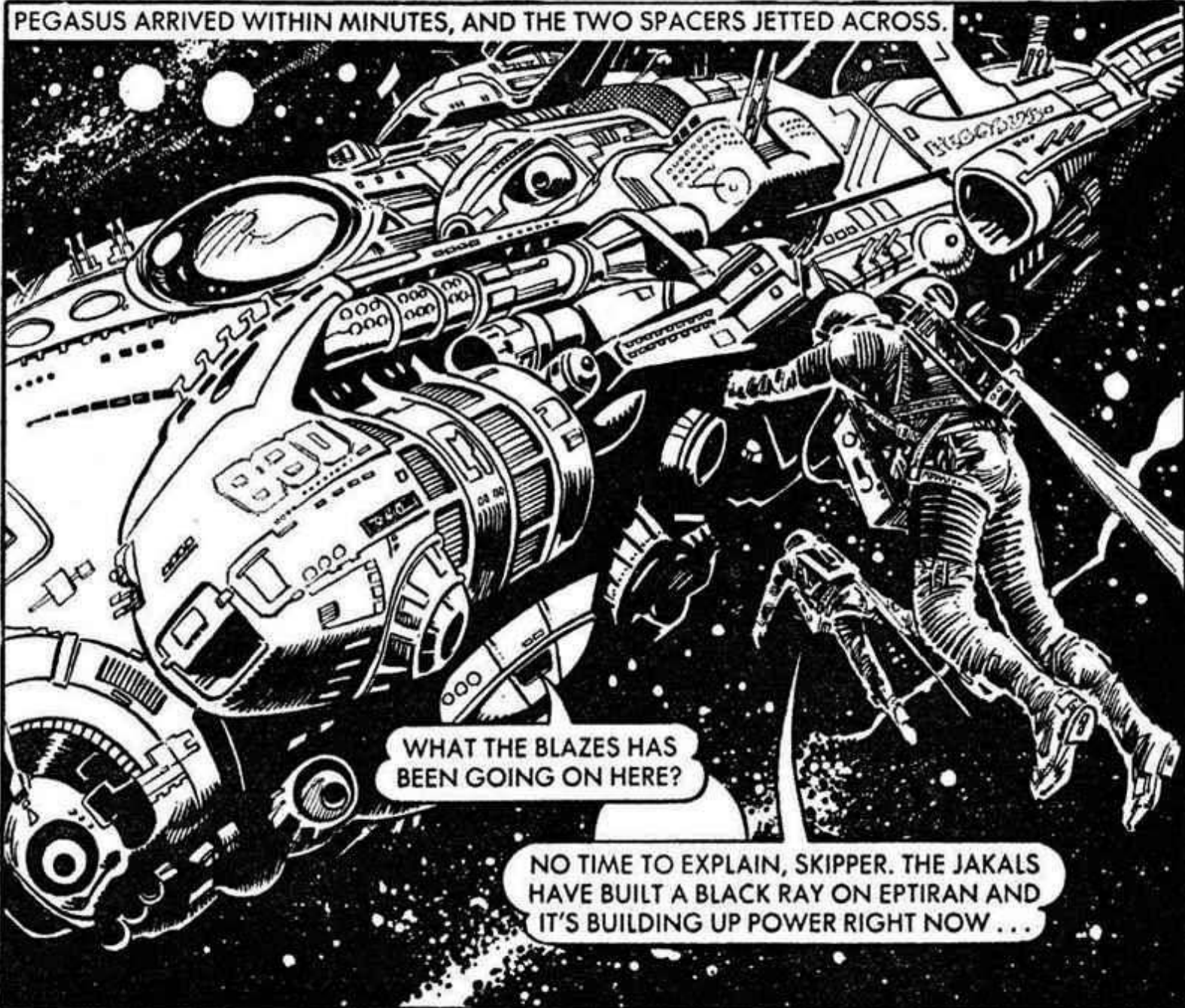




THAT'S PUT  
PAID TO HIM!

JUST AS WELL! WE HAVEN'T GOT ANY POWER  
LEFT. BETTER PUT ON SPACE SUITS. THE  
OXYGEN COUNT'S DROPPING FAST!

PEGASUS ARRIVED WITHIN MINUTES, AND THE TWO SPACERS JETTED ACROSS.



WHAT THE BLAZES HAS  
BEEN GOING ON HERE?

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN, SKIPPER. THE JAKALS  
HAVE BUILT A BLACK RAY ON EPTIRAN AND  
IT'S BUILDING UP POWER RIGHT NOW ...

ONCE ON BOARD THE PEGASUS —

YOU WANT ME TO BLAST AN ANTI-MATTER TRANSMITTER WITH MULTI PHASERS? BUT THAT'S NEVER BEEN TRIED BEFORE.

I KNOW! BUT THEORETICALLY IT'LL WORK. WE'VE GOT TO TRY IT, SKIPPER.

THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO SAVE GANDAL — OR EARTH.

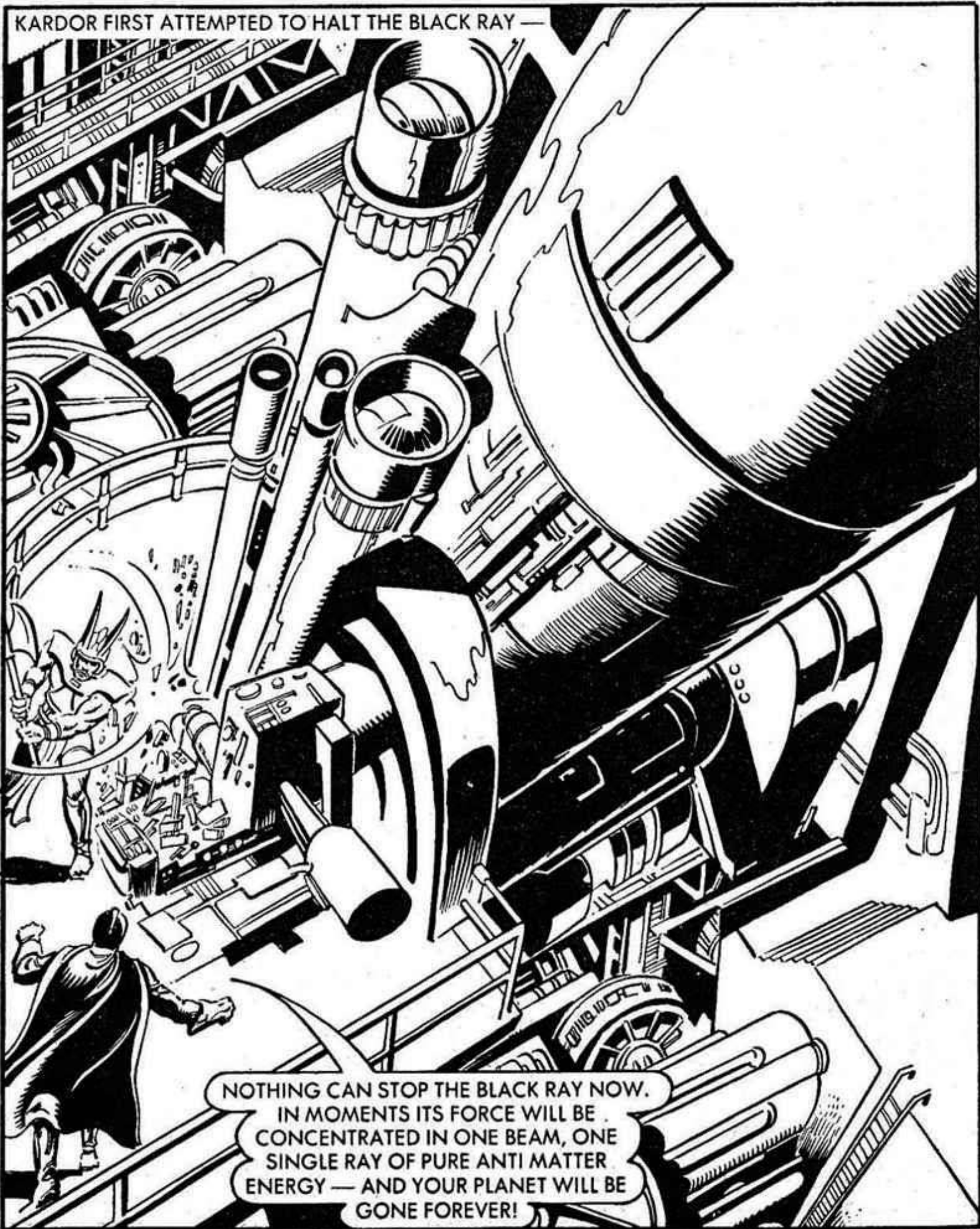
MEANWHILE, THE VENGEANCE-SEEKING KARDOR HAD FOUND HIS QUARRY.

SO YOU DID NOT ESCAPE WITH YOUR EARTHLING FRIENDS!

NO, MIZAK. I HAVE COME TO KILL YOU.




KARDOR FIRST ATTEMPTED TO HALT THE BLACK RAY —




NOTHING CAN STOP THE BLACK RAY NOW.  
IN MOMENTS ITS FORCE WILL BE  
CONCENTRATED IN ONE BEAM, ONE  
SINGLE RAY OF PURE ANTI MATTER  
ENERGY — AND YOUR PLANET WILL BE  
GONE FOREVER!







IT CANNOT BE!  
XARL IS INVINCIBLE!



KARDOR LAUNCHED HIMSELF AT  
MIZAK'S THROAT —

YOUR ROBOT CANNOT  
HELP YOU NOW!

KARDOR'S IMMENSE STRENGTH SENT MIZAK AND HIS EXECUTIONER TUMBLING TO THEIR DEATHS —



DIE, EVIL ONE!

NOT LONG AFTER, PEGASUS DRIFTED IN —



IT'S AN EARTHSHIP! SO THEY SUCCEEDED! GANDAL MAY YET BE SAVED!



KARDOR SPED FROM THE DOMED BUILDING, IN A PATROL CRAFT —

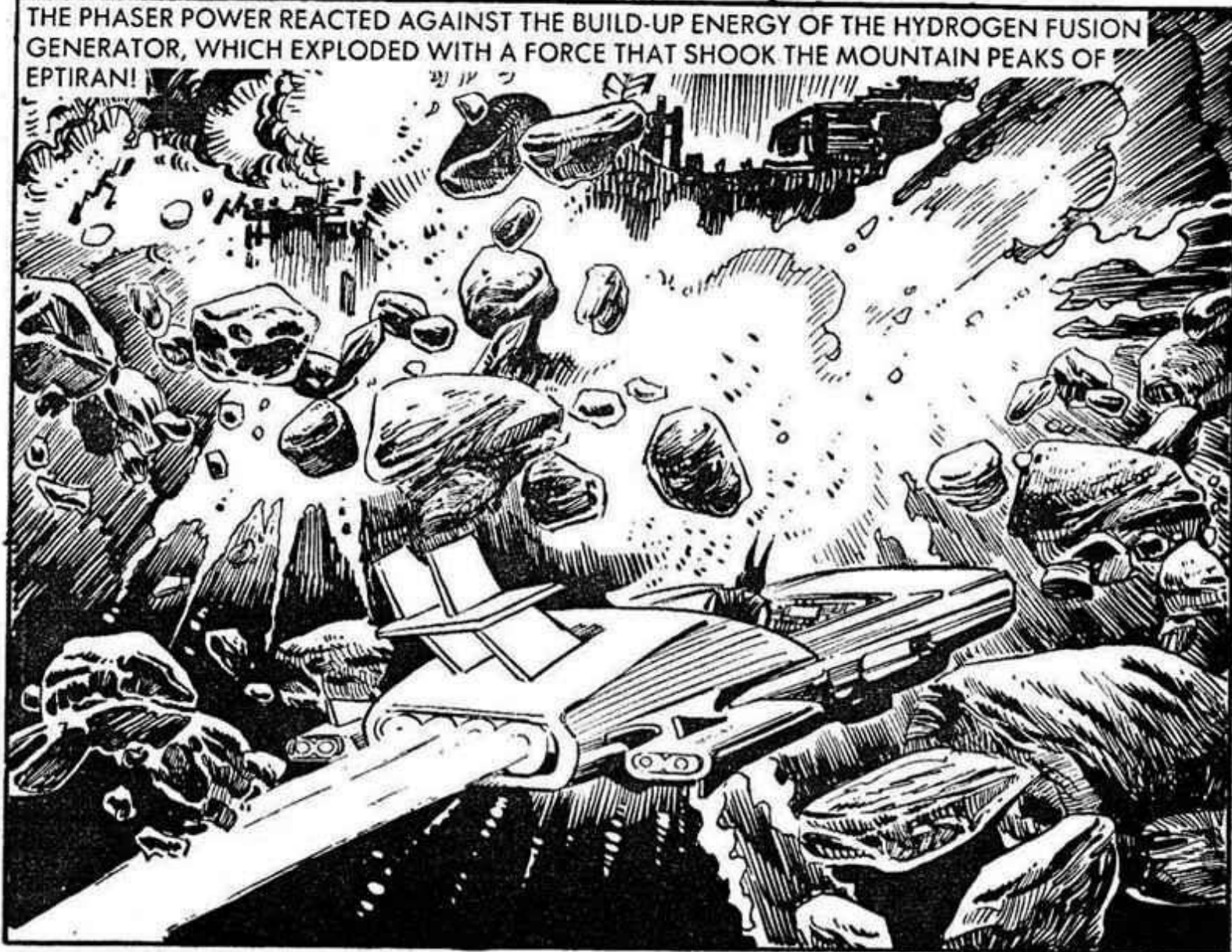
THAT'S KARDOR! GIVE HIM A  
MINUTE TO GET CLEAR, SKIPPER!

THIS THEORY OF YOURS  
HAD BETTER WORK, JOSEF.

HERE GOES!

SIXTY SECONDS LATER, A BANK OF MULTI-PHASERS BLASTED IN UNISON . . .

THE PHASER POWER REACTED AGAINST THE BUILD-UP ENERGY OF THE HYDROGEN FUSION GENERATOR, WHICH EXPLODED WITH A FORCE THAT SHOOK THE MOUNTAIN PEAKS OF EPTIRAN!



THE JAKAL COMPLEX WAS DESTROYED COMPLETELY.



YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT'S KARDOR THE WARRIOR? BUT HE MUST BE 150 YEARS OLD.

YES... ABOUT THAT!



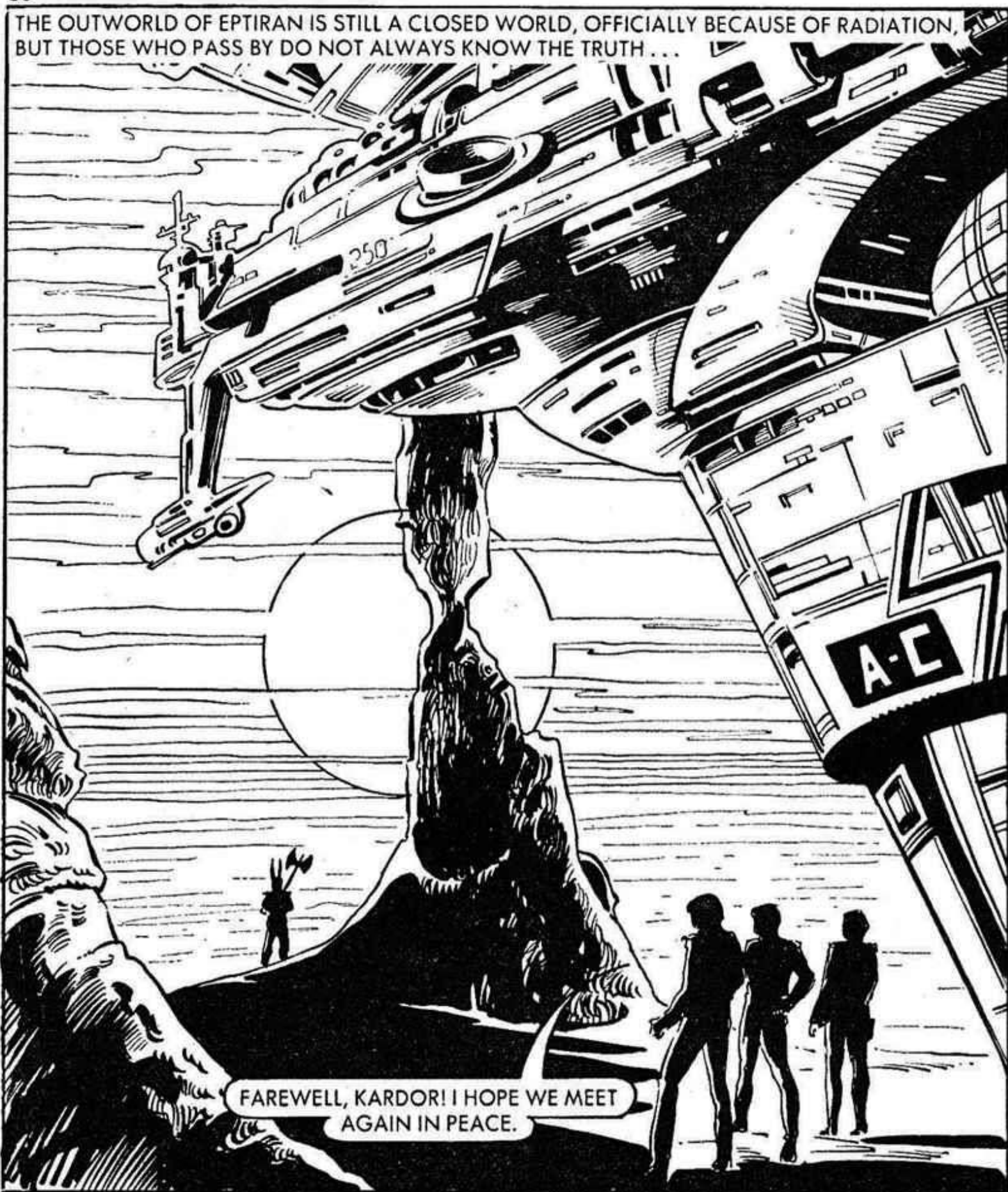
KARDOR WAS BEAMED ABOARD —

I THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY PLANET,  
EARTHMEN. I OWE YOU A DEBT I CAN NEVER  
REPAY.



I WILL REMAIN ON EPTIRAN, THE WAY I HAVE  
LIVED THESE LAST YEARS, IN PEACE. BUT IF THE  
DAY SHOULD COME THAT YOU HAVE NEED OF  
ME, YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME. DO NOT  
TELL OF KARDOR — HE DIED MANY YEARS  
AGO — LET IT REMAIN AT THAT.

THE OUTWORLD OF EPTIRAN IS STILL A CLOSED WORLD, OFFICIALLY BECAUSE OF RADIATION, BUT THOSE WHO PASS BY DO NOT ALWAYS KNOW THE TRUTH...





DON'T FORGET TO READ THIS MONTH'S

... OTHER

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# STARBLAZER'S

GUIDE TO THE SPACEMEN 9



**Sigma 7 made five incomplete orbits of the Earth on October 3, 1962 with US Navy astronaut, Commander Walter Marty Schirra. His flight time was 9hr. 13 min. 11 sec. His next flight was in Gemini 6 on December 15, 1965, when a rendezvous was made with Gemini 7. This lasted 1 day 1 hr. 51 min. 43 sec. His final mission was as commander of the first manned Apollo, No. 7, on October 11, 1968. This mission lasted 10 days 20 hr. 9 min. 3 sec. Schirra is now head of a computer company.**